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Adventure stems from classroom activities, hands on projects and after school programs. From Amy Stepanek's scream of "Defense" at any game to Bryan Sim's unique spirit, friendship and learning found their way into the hearts and minds of Kougars for whom *The Adventure Continues...*

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When the 973 students strolled through the doors for the first day of school on August 22, they thought they were prepared for the year to follow.

Armed with pens, pencils, notebooks, and calculators, they believed that they were ready to face what lie ahead. Little did they know, it would take much more to survive than they could fit into their new bookbags.

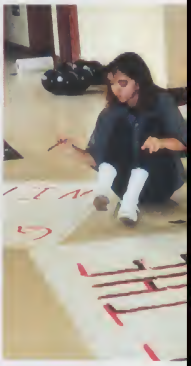
Throughout the year, students were tested many times, not only with academic exams, but with a changing and sometimes difficult world. However, we all survived, and the adventure will always continue...

Studying hard for upcoming finals, Jon Torrenga reviews his books for class.

Future journalists Barb Yaeger, Ericka Dreesen, Matt Gregory, Kim Jakich, Ray Gross, Conne Tachtiris, Sheri Veldman, Allison Fase, Laura Fox, and Miki Banjura rest between competitions at Franklin College.

Getting in some extra work are, Josh Klein, Rusty Shouse, Jen Peo (seated), Nickole Kerns, Bill Prater, and Steve Mattocks (standing).

Preparing signs to decorate the halls for Homecoming, Tricia Stubblefield creates her own cheerful posters.



During a marathon in Chicago, the girl's cross country team helped give out drinks to the runners. Standing: Alicia Studer, Lacey Smith, Amanda Hall, Jennifer Schurman. Kneeling: Val Tachtiris, Katie Deardorff, Jenny Evans.

Enjoying her pizza, choir member Kathy Buche relaxes with her friends at Southlake Mall during the annual Christmas presentation.

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The school year started off with confusion, the one-minute warning bell that everyone had become used to disappeared. Angry students threatened walk-outs to protest the new administration and their rules. However, in time students learned to like the new principal.

Mr. Hamilton's tragic accident pulled the entire student body together. Through special fundraisers such as candy sales, car washes, a carnival and other activities, students raised nine-thousand dollars to help cover his expenses.

Mrs. Slaby received national recognition for her work with the National Association of Biology Teachers. We lived through it all, and our adventure continued...

After an exciting win, Charleen Johnston goes a little wild while celebrating the victory.

Struggling against Billy Perkins, Jen Peo and Derek Bennett try to force his arm down in a lunchtime battle.

Going over yearbook layouts, editor Miki Banjura helps Tricia Cusak perfect her work

During Homecoming week, Mr. Darnell participates in "retro flashback" day to show his spirit and cheer on the team.

Trying to comfort Andrew Slatton after a hard fall, trainer Chris Woods speaks some words of encouragement.

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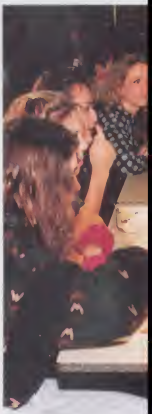
While life here went on, the world also went through many changes. The whole world watched as O.J.'s Bronco cruised along the highway, and many people couldn't help but keep updated on the lengthy court case. The alternative rock nation took a blow with the news of Kurt Cobain's suicide. The U.S. pulled for Olympic figure skater, Nancy Kerrigan after injuries inflicted by Tonya Harding. The baseball season ended early due to problems with contracts. The Republicans reclaimed the White House and Newt Gingrich became the new speaker of the house. Rockers for choice, Pearl Jam fought against Ticket Master to lower prices so even we could afford to see our favorite bands. It was a rough year, but the world keeps turning, and the adventure continues.



Explaining a difficult piece of music Jeremy Sterk gets the point across to Nick Leskiew.

Outside the library, Melissa Stamper and Kathy Patrick discuss their after school activities for the day.

Draping Coach Prochno's oak trees with 175 rolls of toilet paper was "No amateur job" for cross country runners.

During lunch, Tara Luedtke and Kim VanTholen perform a balancing act with their spoons as friends Crystal Heffner, Jennie Evans, Kelly Kamminga, Keeley Troxel, and Alex Wenglarz look on.

Studying together in the gym, Josh Knudson and Erica Donowitz finish up some last minute assignments.

No Safety Net

There is more to school than just learning. A big part of the adventure takes place outside of the classroom.

Students stayed after hours for athletic and academic practice, extra studying, drama rehearsals, and many other activities. After school jobs also played a big part in students' lives.

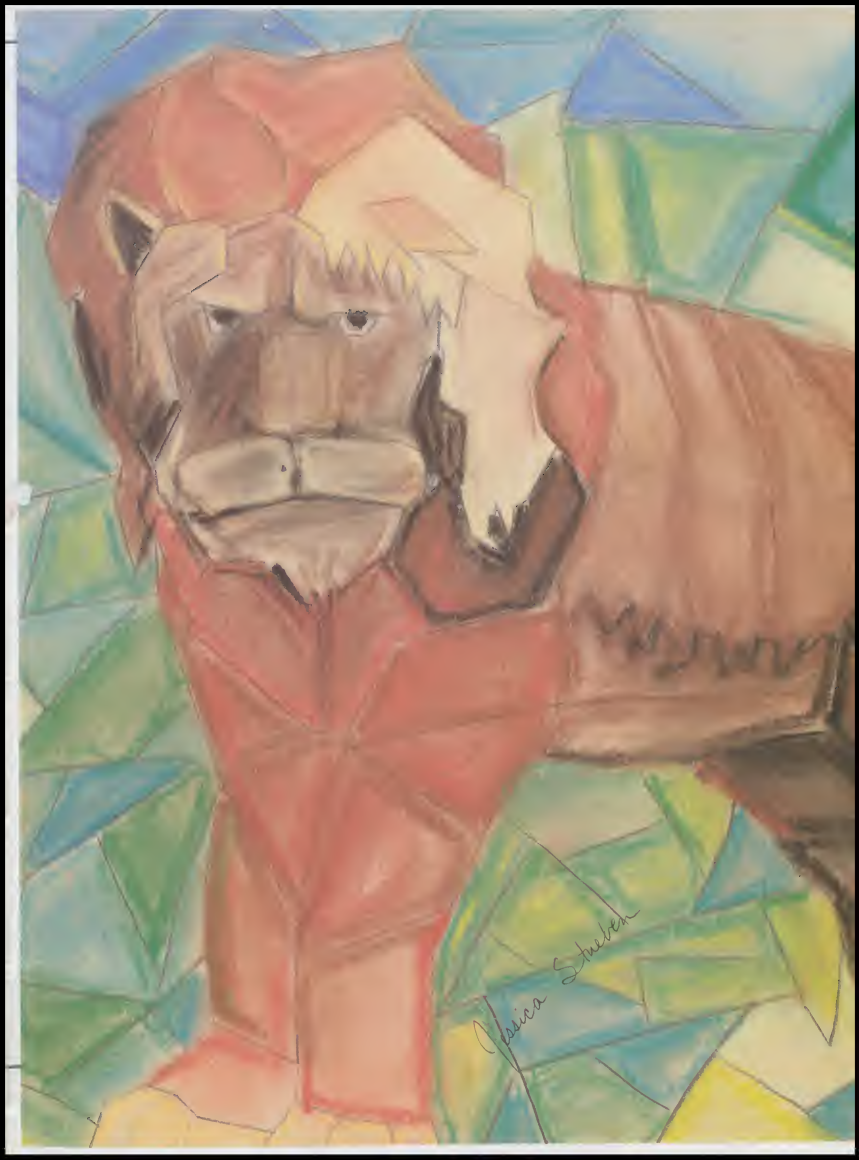
These are the most important days of our lives. Adults also say students should make the best of the time they have.

Much of what makes these days so memorable is the activities in which students participate.

Examining old yearbooks at the Homecoming Carnival, Jen Hayes, Kelly Hepworth and Shauna Orich look into the past.

Yearbook Staff: (Bottom to top) Amy Chester, Tricia Cusak, Chuck Basden, Sheri Veldman, Tim Jones, Keri Spurgeon, Melanie Meyer, Matt Gregory, Joe Lumbley, Staci Sytsma, Gail Ooms, Ericka Dreesen, Barb Yaeger, Miki Banjura.

Creating artwork stems from many ideas including cubeism. Jessica Stueben used cubeism to design a lion from the nation's #2 movie, "The Lion King."


Jessica Stulsch

Shining Through to Victory

Takin' Care of Business was a familiar phrase around Kougar country during Homecoming September 26-30. The week began with dressup days: Mr. Hamilton day, teacher dress like student and student like favorite teaacher day, 70's day, jersey day, and the traditional red and white day.

The classes also had a classroom decorating contest. Mrs. Moolenaar's English class won the pizza party with their goal post and turf. There was also class competition such as the class hall decorations, dress up days, decorating a class car, and windows which were assigned to clubs. These hosted 60's flowers, Mickey Mouse and names of all the football players. Finally, the all time favorite was the pep session in which the honored spirit stick was once again dominated by the Senior class.

"Takin' Care of Business" was not only a Homecoming theme, but motto as they helped one of their own Mr. Mark Hamilton. Claus Nielsen, an exchange student from Denmark said, "My most memorable moment was the Homecoming pep session. The arrival of Mr. Hamilton was very touching."

Student body really pulled together and worked hard as a team to help raise money for the Hamilton family. Fund raisers included a car wash, and pork chops sales. Clubs also held a carnival after school before the powder puff game on Thursday night. All proceeds went to Mr. Hamilton.

Senior Ellen Misch said, "Homecoming week was one of the best ones since I've been here. The school came together and showed that we can get along and when Mr. Hamilton came back, it touched us all."

The students and faculty raised over $9,000 plus a lot of cards and prayers for the Hamilton family.

Ben Duttlinger, a Senior football player, summed it all up by saying, "With all of the social groups in our school, it was amazing how everybody pulled together to help Mr. Hamilton and through this at the pep session everyone became one class instead of four."

Feeling like a queen, Kelly Dunn is congratulated by former Homecoming queen, Jamie Jackson. Her excitement is passed on to escort David Andree and senior candidate Kari Myers.

Playing with all he's got, Junior Matt Gluth marches triumphantly through the Homecoming parade held Friday before the game.

Looking on with eager anticipation senior candidates, Andy Terborg, Dana Dorn, Kelly Dunn and Bonnie Nannenga await the crowning of the queen.

Strutting their stuff in front of the camera, Senior escorts, David Andree and Ben Turpin, prepare themselves for the final event.

Eagerly waiting their turn, seniors Jeff Sampson and Bonnie Nannenga pose for a quick picture before they begin the long anticipated walk across the football field.

Flying past Lowell's defensive line men Junior, Bruce Przbylski, looks on for the perfect pass to score.

Crying tears of joy, the Varsity swim team is overwhelmed by the surprise return of the swim coach and biology teacher Mr. Hamilton at the Homecoming pep session.

Homecoming Court. Front Row: Jillian Barrera, David Andree, Kelly Dunn, Jaime Jackson (1994 Homecoming Queen), Jason DeYoung, Rachel Kaper. Back Row: Tim Funston, Andy Terborg, Kari Meyers, Jeff Sampson, Bonnie Nannenga, Jeremy Orcutt, Laura Szema, Dana Dorn, Ben Turpin, Derrick Bennet.

Setting New Boundaries

Twenty five years of excellence was evident at the Homecoming '94 events. In addition to the crowning of the queen, members of the football team of '71 were honored, making it a true Homecoming.

From the annual pep session filled to capacity, to a carnival and parade this year was truly a big success. Even though the Kougars were not able to dominate their long time rivals Lowell, there were many victories already in place. Charlie Finney, Senior football captain said, "It was a memorable day filled with both happiness and sadness."

Kelly Dunn was named Homecoming queen and her escort was David Andree.

Dana Dorn, Senior candidate said, "I was really honored and excited that my class nominated me for the Homecoming court."

Kougars also held a carnival in which all the profits went toward helping the Hamilton family. The carnival consisted of games such as free throw game, a dunk tank, and bean bag toss. Food included subway sandwiches, pizza, snow cones, and cotton candy.

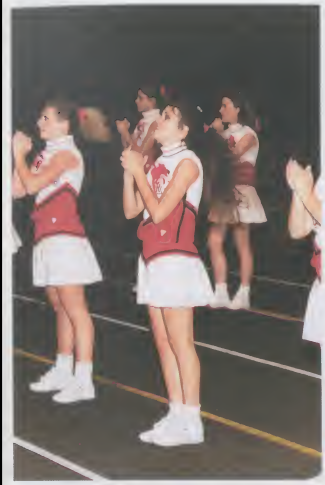
Jennifer Schurman, senior, said, "It felt good that everyone was working together to help Mr. Hamilton and to see him walk into the pep session made it all worthwhile."

Before the game all the clubs put on a parade in honor of the schools 25th anniversary. Fred Jones, who was honored with having the football field named after him for his excellence in teaching and coaching was also able to appear in the parade. This day was in honor of 25 years of coming home to Kougar Country.

Waiting with anticipation, Homecoming Queen, Kelly Dunn and escort David Andree, await the announcement of who will be queen.

Showing their enthusiasm for the Kougar football team, Freshman football coach, Mr. Grey and Boys Varsity asst. basketball and baseball coach, Mr. Orsburn get themselves pepped up for the big game.

Filled with school spirit, seniors, Paul Zorka, Steve Caldwell, and Bill Dekock help in welcoming Mr. Hamilton back during a very emotional pep session.



Helping to get the crowd on their feet, Varsity Cheerleader, Lisa Albertson, keeps the Kougar spirits soaring high.

Donating their time to cook pork chops for a fund raiser, Seniors, Larry Evers, Steve Peterson, and Mr. Inman help raise money for the Hamilton family by selling pork chops.

During the Homecoming carnival, sophomore Katie Oatis, enjoys looking through old yearbooks while staying out of the sun.

Helping the Drama Club decorate their windows, Nick Leskiew, donates his time after school to show his Kougar spirit and dedication to his club.

Going For The Gold

Experience became a factor as the senior girls won in overtime against the juniors. Every year during Homecoming the Junior girls become the seniors biggest rivals for the annual Powder Puff game.

Only a few minutes into the game, the juniors handed off to Jennifer McAtee who ran 60 yards for the first touchdown and left the seniors down by seven points.

Senior, Ellen Misch said, "The juniors gave us some good competition, but we pulled together and worked as a team to get the job done."

Seniors came back full force with a touchdown by their half back, Gail Ooms. The game was very close and led to overtime. Referees gave them each one shot to score. The seniors did it with ease, but the juniors had a little trouble getting through the seniors defensive line.

Melissa Fraley, Senior, said, "I had a lot of fun with everyone, I was able to get to know my classmates better and make new friends."

The game was not only an experience, but one that will never be forgotten. Although very competitive at the beginning of the game, senior and junior girls learned that in order to have a good game they needed a little competition, but not so much that it starts to ruin friendships.

Senior, Shannon Pettit, said, "It was really a very rough game, but still a lot of fun and it's a great way to come together as a class."

Getting ready for the annual powder puff game, Seniors Gail Ooms, Staci Sylsma, and Bonnie Nannenga express their excitement by wearing their victory crowns.

Rejoicing after a touchdown, juniors, Jennifer McAtee and Shanna Maple keep high spirits for a junior victory.

Senior Powder Puff Team. Front Row: Jaime Moore, Christina Castillo, Dannel Martin, Mindy Owens, Samantha Boone, Amy Musch, Nicole Whitney, Chalice Roberts, Sarah Hart, Ellen Misch, Karen Hack, Jenny Yankey, Melissa Fraley, Staci Sylsma, Gail Ooms. Row Two: Paula Zandstra, Crystal Wireman, Kacey DeKock, Amber Schreiner, Carrie Beal, Stacie Williams, Kim Culbreth, Bonnie Nannenga, Kelly Dunn, Dana Dorn, Michelle Tillett, Shannon Pettit, Jennifer Thomason. Row Three: Melissa Nannenga, Jaime Sabuda, Chris Bloch-Hofferth, Amy Anderson, Nicole Guanajuato, Jennifer Schurman, Amy Howard, Karin Haan, Christy DeVries, Aimee Nannenga, Jennifer Prosser, Misty Mattingly, Staci Davidson, Bonnie Peterson, Mandy Dewar, Joyce Woolwine, Renee Zwinkles. Back Row: Melissa Hatfield, Suzanne Walstra, Heather Williams, Stephanie Deardorff, Angela Padol, Tina Pennena, Rachel Knip, Joni Knip, Jennifer Nommenson, Melissa Schoonveld, Margaret Strain, Kathy Patrick, Crissy Sanders, Amy Stepanek, Misty Orcutt. Not Pictured: Coach Harper.

Accepting the powder puff trophy, Jenny Yankey, Melissa Schoonveld, and Heather Williams claim the victory football from Mr. McEwan on behalf of the Senior team.

Celebrating their victory, Powder puff participants prove they're #1. Front Row: Amy Musch, Staci Sytsma, Bonnie Nannenga, Gail Ooms. Row Two: Dana Dorn, Amy Stepanek, Jennifer Nommenson, Chrissy Sanders, Joni Knip, Rachel Knip, Amy Howard. Back Row: Amber Schreiner, Suzanne Walstra, Karin Haan, Bonnie Peterson.

Grabbing the spotlight, juniors gather with male classmates who served as waterboys instead of cheerleaders as per the new administrator's powderpuff rules.

Junior Powder Puff. Front Row: Jill Nommenson, Renee Meracle, Amanda Lucas, Katherine Kucharick, Johanne Jarvis, Melissa Hough, Shelly Gates, Erica Dreesen, Tara Bauman, Connie Butler, Shanna Maple, Jennifer McAtee, Kelly Kamminga, Tasha Bales, Amber Allen, Heather Kelchum, Lynn Stalbaum. Row Two: Holly Henson, Shannon Heath, Shannon Stowers, Jan Hart, Molly Gatlin, Debbie Kamminga, Dana Hamstra, Megan Hartzler, Sasha Belstra, Amy Borman, Susan Ference, Jennifer Walstra, Jenelle Bailey, Shelly Pettit, Brooke Spurgeon, Annette Van Tholen. Row Three: Sheri Veldman, Kristi Wagner, Natalie Sark, Jori Kramer, Sarah Watson, Maci Mackiewicz, Shannon Sooboy, Shannon Kingma, Melanie Meyer, Keri Spurgeon, Jamie Myers, Jacqui Cates, Carri Nemeth, Rachel Rayner, Sasha Risner. Back Row: Melissa Peo, Hilary Molchan, Barb Yaeger, Laura Szeman, Tonme Cook, Amanda Dunlap, Molly Anthony, Jessie Stueben, Shannon Belstra, Charleen Johnston, Jennifer Schoon, Kim DeVries, Kara Zylstra, Lacey Smith, Amanda Koslovsky, Dustin Bennett, Coach Maple, Christopher Cavanaugh.

Activities create memories

Support came in all different shapes and sizes as Kougars united in a community effort to reinstate spirit in the corporation.

Parade, cheers, carnival, jackets, the shirts, car washes, and fundraisers highlighted the fall as students, faculty, alumni, and community boosted the spirit of KV.

Beneath it all smiles and friendships created memories. Yearbook, Art, Environmental, Speech, Academic Teams, Computer, Interact, Spirit, Foreign Language and FCA rented booths for the carnival to help raise money for Mr. Hamilton. In addition, the Environmental club donated a portion of their membership sales, the Academic Teams held a dance to help raise money, the Football players held a car wash, and the Swimmers held a swim-a-thon to raise money. FCA and the Varsity club sold T-shirts, the Special Education class sold buttons, and the Student Council held a can collection. Sunshine club teachers and staff gave donations, and the Demotte Junior Woman's Club donated $100. The FFA held a pork-chop sale to raise money.

In all, over $9,000 was raised to help Mr. Hamilton defray medical expenses from his accident.

Revving up the crowd, the Cheerleaders cross main street in the first annual homecoming parade.

Decked out in 'Kiss' face painting, football players Ben Dutlinger, Andy Spenner, Aaron English, Scott Lacey, and Tim Pogue enjoy the pep session.

Below left: During the pep session, the swim team shows respect for swim coach Mark Hamilton. Hamilton was injured in a truck accident on August 18. He was joined in the photo by his wife Michelle, and his rescuers Ray Guse and Chuck DeMoss.

Enjoying the carnival fun, Mr. Apple prepares to be dunked.

Enjoying Homecoming festivities, Fred Jones served as Grand Marshall of the first homecoming parade. Jones, after whom the football stadium is named, was football coach from 1953 to 1971.

"Love Will Keep Us Alive"

Raspberry, silver, and black balloons, old-fashioned streetlights, and a small replica of the Eifel Tower decorated the Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso for more than 200 couples attending the May 20 Prom.

Prom attendants paid $45 for their tickets which included admittance, the guys' and girls' glasses, keychains, and dinner. Before the music started, dinner was served by Kelsey's Steak House: Chicken Kiev, baked potato, corn, salad, and for dessert, chocolate fluff.

After a few slow dances and even a few of those that were rigorous, the Prom court was called to walk through the Eifel Tower. Selected to reign as king and queen were Dan Koselke and Jen Nommenson. Prince and Princess were James Broyles and Shelly Recker. About being crowned, Queen Jen Nommenson said, "I will never forget when Dan and I were crowned King and Queen. It was a very exciting moment."

Many of the students who attended Prom really enjoyed it. "It was a memorable night filled with lots of laughter and friends!" said Johanne Jarvis. Tiffany Bell agreed, "It was a lot of fun to be with my friends at Prom. The decorations were beautiful and the music was great."

The day after Prom found many couples spending time together at many popular places such as Great America, Indiana Beach, the Dunes, Turkey Run, or the movies. Wherever the couples went after Prom, it was definitely one of the most memorable moments of their lives.

Sharing a special moment. Vince Collins and Jen Hendricks slowly dance to the theme song.

Before getting wild on the dance floor, Jen Schoon, Megan Hartzler, and Terry Grover discuss where they will go after prom

Waiting for the next danceable song, Bonnie Nannenga talks to her friends about her date.

Prince James Broyles and Princess Shelly Recker dance together under the light of the miniature Eifel Tower.

While their dates powder their faces in the ladies' room, Charly Finney and Claus Nielsen enjoy the music.

"Yes, you may have this dance." Miss Senior Miki Banjura, dressed in a new interesting Prom fashion.

The thrill of being named Queen and King of prom is evident on the beaming faces of Jen Nommenson and Dan Koselke.

Taking a breather between dances, Larry Evers and Shannon Belstra pause to flash a smile for the camera.

Graduates earn $636,400 in scholarships

Honors Night Awards

Charles A. Halleck Memorial Scholarship
Jeff Sampson

National Honor Society
Karl Myers, Mandy Apple, Samantha Boone, Staci Davidson, Bonnie Nannenga, Nicole Holst, Sarah Flory, Joy Mervosh, Margaret Strain, Melissa Stamper, Jeff Sampson, Michelle Tillett, Stephanie Deardorff, Joni Knip, Brain Misch, Harvey Nannenga, Carissa Simmons, Amy Stepanek, Jennifer Thomason, Jennifer Yankey

VFW Voice of Democracy
Samantha Boone

Demotte JR. Women's Club Scholarship
Karl Myers

Davenport College
Crystal Wiraman

Johnson Memorial Fund
Bonnie Nannenga, Jennifer Schurman, Jeff Sampson, Samantha Bonne

Jasper County Art League Award
Daryl Ackerman

Demotte Kankakee Valley Rotary Scholarshipe
Bonnie Nannenga, Jeff Sampson

Army ROTC Scholarship
Jennifer Yankey

Air Force ROTC Scholarship
Paula Zandstra

Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award
Karl Myers, Jeff Sampson

Marine ROTC Scholarship
Jennifer Yankey

Excellence in Language Arts Award
Melissa Nannenga

NWHC All Academic Team Awards
Nicole Holst, Amy Stepanek, Karl Myers, Jeff Sampson, Jennifer Yankey, Paula Zandstra, Staci Sytsma, Amy Howard, Brian Misch, Margret Strain, Bonnie Nannenga

University of Indianapolis Awards
Amanda Apple

Academic Honors Awards
Samantha Boone, Melissa Stamper, Melissa Fraley, Amy Muech, Amy Stepanek, Staci Davidson, Jennifer Yankey, Melissa Hatfield, Carissa Simmons, Karl Myers, Jon Torrenga, Sarah Flory, Amber Schreiner, Michelle Tillet, Brian Miech, Amy Ferguson, Jared Arnett, Bonnie Nannenga, Angela Padol, Margret Strain, Jennifer Thomason, Steve Peterson, Harvey Nannenga, Beth Knapik, Dana Dorn, Bonnie Peterson, Scott Patrick, Jennifer Hendricks

Century III Leaders Awards
Karl Myers

Ball State Presidential Scholar Awards
Brian Misch, Stephanie Deardorff

Olivet Nazarene Scholarships
Amanda Apple, Melissa Stamper

Purdue Calumet Academic Achievement Award
Karl Myers, Jennifer Hendricks, Nicole Holst

Purdue University Certificates of Recognition
Jennifer Thomason, Jennifer Yankey, Joni Knip, Margret Strain, Michelle Tillett, Samantha Boone, Amy Howard, Hervey Nannenga

President's Award for Educational Excellence
Amanda Apple, Samantha Boone, Staci Davidson, Karl Myers, Stephanie Deardorff, Melissa Fraley, Jeff Sampson, Sarah Flory, Jennifer Hendricks, Melissa Hatfield, Margret Strain

National Merit Letter of Commendation
Stephanie Deardorff

Hoosier Scholar Awards
Samantha Boone, Jennifer Yankey

USI Scholarship Excellence Award
Scott Patrick

KV FFA Scholarship
Ben Duttlinger

Pioneers
Stephanie Deardorff, Margret Strain, Jeff Sampson, Missy Orcutt

Valparaiso University Scholarship
Jennifer Thomason

DAR Award
Jeff Sampson

Wells Scholar Nominee
Amy Stepanek

U of Evansville Certificates of Achievement
Sarah Flory, Jeff Sampson, Andraw Slatton

Butler Certificate of Scholarship
Dana Dorn, Staci Sytsma

Success Through ED. Certificates of Accomplishment
Bryan Brown, Amy Obrien, Bill Oliver, Robert Schaniaub, Joe Malocha, Donna Walker, Crystal Wiraman, Melissa Hatfield

St. Joseph Cheerleading
Staci Sytsma

Tri-State Scholarship
Kevin Silverthorne

Dean Scholarship
Kevin Silverthorne

Purdue Higher Education
Jamie Sabuda

International Business
Bonnie Paterson

Higher Education
Harvey Nannenga

Loyola University
Bonnie Nannenga

Essay Award
Amy Muceh

Carpenters Apprentice
Mike Klemp

Deane Scholarship
Kevin Kamminga

Ball State Scholarship
Melissa Hatfield

Higher Education
Melissa Hatfield

Junior Miss Scholarship
Sarah Flory

Jasper CO-OP
Ben Duttlinger

Governors Award
Samantha Boone

PEO Sisterhood
Michelle Banjura

Junior Miss Scholarship
Amanda Apple

University of Indianapolis
Jennifer Thomason

Valparaiso Academic
Amy Howard

Awaiting awards and the final day, PNC bound Jamie Sabuda depicts the thrill of Graduation.

Far Right: Accepting a scholastic award from Mr. Michaels, Stephanie Deardorff accomplishes one more achievement.

21st Century Scholarship
Staci Davidson, Josh Linaberry, Kavin Kamminga, Tom Rusk, Crystal Wiramen, Joe Malocha

Ancilla Tannie Scholarship, Ancilla Basketball Scholarship, St. Joseph's Tannie Scholarship, Greenville Basketball Scholarship, Greenville Tannie Scholarship.
Tim Jones

Student of the Week
Karl Myers, Jeff Sampson

Student Council
Karl Myers, Jeff Sampson

Clubs
Amanda Apple, Sarah Flory, Margret Strain, Kelly Dunn, Kevin Silverthorne, Jennifer Thomason

Student Council Officers
Bonnie Nennenge, Joenne Fagen

St. Joseph's College Honors Scholarships
Karl Myers, Melissa Stamper, Margret Strain

KV Cab Award
Brian Misch, Amy Stepanek

Foreign Language Club School\ Spanish Lang. Awards
Melissa Stamper, Jennifer Yankey

Foreign Language Club Scholarship
Michelle Banjura

French Awards
Michelle Banjura, Charles Finney, Clause Nelson, Jennifer Hendricks

English Achievement Awards
Bonnie Nennenge, Karen Haen, Michelle Benjura, Jamie Moore, Jennifer Thomason

Speech Awards
Elizabeth Strutz, Amy Anderson, Amy Howerd, Rachel Knip, Amy Nennenge, Angele Padol

Drama Awards
Michelle Banjura, Joy Mervosh, Joni Knip, Suzanne Walstra, Chris Sandara, Sarah Flory, Bryan Niketh, Jaramy Talley, Amy Stepanek, Jarad Arnatt, Stephanie Meyer, Angele Padol, Amanda Apple

Newspapar Awards
Nathaniel Linebarry, Camaron Scott

Yearbook Awards
Michelle Banjura, Tim Jones, Gail Ooma

Science Awards
Melissa Stamper, Karl Myers, Samantha Boone, Nicole

Academic Teams
Samantha Boone, Joy Mervosh

Thespian Drama Awards
Jamie Sabuda, Angele Padol, Ryan Russel, Kathy Bucha, Jarad Arnatt, Amber Schreiner

Drama Scholarships
Sarah Flory, Samantha Boone, Amy Stepanek

Speech Awards and Scholarships
Samantha Boone

Art Department Awards
Amy Stepanek

Indiana Council of Teachers of Math Awards
Brain Misch, Karl Myers

Kankakee Valley Teacher Assoc. Scholarship
Joyce Woolwine

Accounting Awards
Amy Obrien, Karl Myers, Christy Devlea, Misty Mattingly, Christy Castillo, Kathy Patrick

FHA Officer of the Year
Christy Hoffarth

Super Seniors
Kathy Bucha, Kavin Silverthorne, Dana Dorn, Melissa Stamper, Jeff Sampson, Samantha Boone, Angele Padol, Stephenie Deardorff, Nicole Holst, Margret Strain, Amy Stepanek, Joenne Fagen, Amanda Apple, Jaramy Stark, Bonnie Nennenge, Joni Knip, Brian Misch, Karl Myers

Fraternal Order of Police School
Jeff Hicks

Recognition of 4.0 or better
Samantha Boone, Jennifer Yankey, Karl Myers, Amy Stepanek, Jeff Sampson, Nicole Holst, Carissa Simmons, Bonnie Nennenge, Michelle Tillett, Staci Davidson, Sarah Flory, Jennifer Thomason, Amanda Apple, Margret Strain

Principal Leadership Award
Karl Myers

Senior Cords
Samantha Boone, Jennifer Yankey, Amy Stepanek, Karl Myers, Jeff Sampson, Nicole Holst, Carissa Simmons, Bonnie Nennenge, Michelle Tillett, Staci Davidson

Valedictorian
Purdue University Valedictorian Scholarship
Damotte State Bank Valedictorian Scholsrship
Samantha Boone
Salutatorian
Bank One Salutatorian
Jennifer Yankey

Top: Awaiting dismissal, Bryan Smis and honor laden college student Carissa Simmons pause for one final look at their classmates.
Middle: Accepting her academic honors award, Jennifer Thomason is congratulated by Mr. Willetts.
Bottom: After receiving the KVTA scholarship, Joyce Woolwine is off to college and a career in teaching.
Left: Loaded with awards, Valedictorian Samantha Boone, Class President Kevin Silverthorne, and Salutatorian Jennifer Yankey pause for a final photo
Above left: Outstanding citizens Bonnie Nannenga and Jeff Sampson receive the DeMotte Kankakee Valley Rotary scholarships.

Grads look back

Taking the final leap out of adolescence and into the world of opportunity. This is what 207 of Kankakee Valley's finest students did on June 4.

Valedictorian was Sarah Boone. Salutatorian was Jen Yankey. Class motto was "Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to." Class flower was the red rose and their colors were crimson/ebony/silver. Sponsors were Pat Price and Kristi Slaby. Speaker was class president, Kevin Silverthorne.

On accomplishing 115 months of school since Kindergarten they were able to pull the school together by raising over $10,000 for Mr. Hamilton, and put on fund raisers for Andrea Hyatt and Eric Ramage.

Seniors finished 2,295 days, or 16,065 hours, or 963,900 min., or 57,834,000 seconds, of their total school career.

By the time they finished their Senior year, the average student clocked nearly 3,175,200 miles of driving since their Sophomore year.

The class of '95 was very unique. It was one of the most closely knit classes. Although they had their cliques, they weren't afraid to join another group. This class managed to make it through many difficult times: the new administration and the school fire are just two, but they pulled together and proved that friendship and love do make the world go around and without it they would have gone nowhere.

Graduating with honors, Jennifer Yankey, Salutatorian, and Samantha Boone, Valedictorian, stand proud of their achievements.

Walking proud, Joy Meyosh and Joni Kupp enjoy the graduation ceremonies.

Filled with joy, Roberto Martinez prepares himself for his final walk at Kankakee Valley.

Waiting for the rest of their class to get their diplomas, Ryan Hamstra and Phil Hamstra look over their diplomas.

Holding on to memories, Lisa Papkos and Mindy Owens create one last memory before graduating.

Relieved that it's all over, Peter Baker, Chuck Barsden, and Jared Arnet await their classmates' entrance.

Holding back tears, Steve Caldwell, Kathy Buche, and Brian Brown listen to the graduation march played by the band.

A Dangerous Thing

Whether trying to finish their Algebra homework during lunch or sprinting to Chemistry after the one-minue warning bell rings, students discovered how to deal with the learning process. While A.P. English students frantically finished up their novel analyses, Chemistry classes made candy canes for Christmas. Though minds may wander while supposedly taking notes, most of the students kept their thoughts on the work at hand. Some students became skilled at typing or drafting while others learned the basics of psychology. From writing reports for government class to dressing up for spirit week, students strived to do their best, and showed that they had what it takes to continue the adventure.

Mr. Post's economic class members Jen Yankee, Staci Davidson, Mandy Apple, Samantha Boone, Amy Howard, Brian Misch, Kevin Silverthorn, Margeret Strain, Kari Myers, and Joy Mervosh won first place in St. Joseph's College's Economics Day competition.

Hard-working Senior, Tim Jones cuts out the right picture for his layout in yearbook.

Rachel Kaper's artwork from Design I shows the use of patterns as well as her talent.

Rachel Kaper

Business area teaches "Hands On" Curriculum

In Business classes, learning is hands on. From keyboarding classes to the Intro to Business field trip in Chicago, students applied their book knowledge to real situations. "The Chicago Board of Trades trip was really boring. They overlooked the visitor's area and we were rushed through," said one sophomore. Studying the stock market was just one useful project.

Throughout the business program students were encouraged to consume, to spend wisely, to save their money, and to balance their checkbook. Teachers also discussed the United States' place in the global economy. According to Mrs. Jeffries, "There are not any hard projects in business, but some of the students find it difficult to do the business projects." Words per minute, stock market projects and accounting are just a few of the awards business teachers gave students. They also selected the following students as students of the month: Jenny Prosser, Kathy Buche, Shannon Sipkema, Mike Nannenga, Kathy Patrick, Katie Deardorff, Jennifer McAtee, Kari Myers, and Karin Haan.

Graduation awards included Ami O'Brien, Kari Myers, Kristi DeVries, Misty Mattingly, Chrissy Castillo and Kathy Patrick.

Learning to correct mistakes is an important part of Typing I. Senior Maria Arambula corrects it.

"Business offers career opportunities in GOL and AOL."

Keyboarding is a popular class for all age students. Enjoying the learning process are Dave Kohler, Sarah Fierman, and Melissa Hatfield and Ann Miklojazak

Remembering not to look at the keyboard, typing students practice speed in Typing I.

In addition to winning the DeMotte Jr. Women's Club scholarship, Kari Myers earned an accounting award.

In accounting students are taught the importance of the checks and balance system. On club picture day the atmosphere for Candance Stotts, Danielle Pierson, Jamie Moore, and Ronald C. Cimoch III, Shannon Pettit, Renee Zwinklis and Misty Mattingly is a little relaxed.

Creative Students Enlighten Classics

What a difference a semester makes? Each semester students bring a fresh approach to the same four novels enlightening them and bringing stories and characters to life. In novels, students read **Tolkien's The Hobbit, Orwell's 1984, Thomas Hardy's Far from the Madding Crowd, and Faulkner's As I Lay Dying.**

In Freshman English, they were enlightened with a fourteenth century story in which the characters fake their deaths, **Romeo and Juliet**. While in freshman grammar they learned the basic parts of speech. They also read **To Kill A Mockingbird** which tells of the unforgettable childhood in a sleepy southern town. They also read **Great Expectations** which tells of a boy named Pip and his life.

In Sophomore English, they studied about Wang Lung in the **Good Earth,** read **The Pearl**, and gave a presentation on a poem which the students broke down into different parts of literature. In grammar, they were diagramming sentences. While reading **The Tragedy of Julius Caesar,** the students were required to recite Anthony's Funeral speech.

Juniors read out loud and watched the movie for **Our Town**. They studied Mark Twain's boy hero and a runaway slave, Jim, who form a classic friendship while rafting down the ninteenth century Mississippi River in **The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn.**

In Senior English, they read **Shakespeare's play The Tempest, Sir Gawain,and Weathering Heights.** To help them learn in Mr. Harper's class, they played basketball. "Mr. Harper likes to apply the stories of Old English to his personal life as well as to the life of the students," said Gail Ooms and Tim Jones.

When asked what they had accomplished in four years of English Bryan Niketh said, "In my first three years, I have accomplished only the basics of English. Now, being in Mr. Harper's class, I feel as if my English academics have been taken to new heights. In his class I've learned not only about English, but life itself." Claus Nielson replied, "This last year of English, has definitely been the best year of them all. I've learned to speak out and made it sound halfway intelligent. This however has reached it's height in Mr. Harper's class, where I feel smart. I also have learned valuable lessons of life through the wonderful universe of Shakespeare masterpieces!"

Dan Koselke and Joyce Woolwine had this to say about what they accomplished in four years of English, "I learned about Shakespeare novels and epics and did poetry, and I learned a lot about movie scenes and plays in Creative Arts Literature."

Helping each other out. Katerine Kuchark and Charlene Johnson hard at to compete homework for Adam's class.

Getting assistance from Mr. Adams, Lynn Stalbaum finishes her homework.

Understanding Literature often takes more than one perspective. Assisting Jed Gapp is Nicky Walstra.

Studying is the first step in succeeding for Donna Kamminga who is reading a story in Mr. McAtee's class.

Adam Howard and Andy Spenner work together to finish their paper.

Students capture life with pen, ink; oils

"Cardboard, more cardboard" was the cry as art students spent two weeks creating art patterned after David Smith, a U.S. sculpturist. With the effect of technology on the daily life of the artists, students created robots, home computer centers, skyscrapers, and a stop light. Other projects that the students designed and constructed were an original guitar, a popsicle sculpture that repeated one shape, several poster designs, and a self portrait.

One of the projects that art students were required to do, was to go down to the library and get a book of art and reproduce the work of art in the artist's style. Then there was a one page paper that was to be written about who the artist was, where they were from, what style the artist had, what media he/she worked in, and what the artist's topic of interest was and why.

Twenty-eight works of art were sent to the Regional High School Art Exhibition at Carnegie Center in Rensselaer. Another art show that the art classes entered was the New Artists of Greater Lafayette Museum of Art. Amy Stepanek, Tom Maxfield, Misty Orcutt, Michelle Kosteleeka, and Lena Mityaeva all got a participation award. Randy Allen's art work was the only one accepted by this show. This was selected out of three hundred entries.

Painting one of her many pictures is Amy Brikeil.

> "Before I took this class I didn't know how to draw, but Ms. Benham's art class taught me how to draw."
>
> Rachel Kaper

Reproducing a favorite work, Lauren Smith concentrates on the style of her research artist.

After all her art is done, Jenny Brazil finds time to do a little homework.

Being displayed in the courtyard is Travis Earle, and Latisha Bales' sculpture.

Utilizing pen and ink as his means of communication, Mike Nannenga creates his reproduction.

Concert Band Front row—Jeremy Sterk, Evan King, Lance Stockney, Alex Chase, Eric Pullins, Sam DelVecchio, Sheri Veldman, Tony Ventrello, Pete Walstra, Nick Leskiew, Jason Bailey. Row 2—Kim Strayler, Amy Van Schepen, Heather Steuben, Susan Hinde, Sarah Windlow, Val Tachtiris, Elizabeth King, Shannon Belstra, Paula McEntire, Rosie Kamminga, Catherine Grube. Row 3—Becky Lovett, Monica Gross, Amanda Roorda, Dustin Schoonveld, Sherry Whitford, Jessy Steuben, Todd Moolenaar, Mark Kachlic, Dennis Ramsey, Jason Sontag. Row 4—Nick Spriggs-Hall, Jeff Boer, Ambica Scrocinski, Val Williams, Joe Poole, Nathancal Wall, Jeff Misch, Aaron Klemp, Jon Torrenga, Barb Yaeger, Matt Gluth, John Bell, Dana Clark, Mary Ahrendt. Row 5—Dawn Mullins, Jed Gapp, Jamie Smith, Chrisy Sanders, Mr. McCarthy.

Performing at the spring concert, the jazz band performed *Tears in Heaven* featuring soloist Barb Yeager and *Loose Change* featuring soloist Mary Ahrendt.

Rehearsing for the Christmas concert, Monica Gross, Amanda Roorda, Dustin Schoonveld, Sherry Whitford, and Jessy Steuben concentrate on their music for a perfect performance.

While taking a break from the rides at Kings Island, Jeff Boer, Jed Gapp, Jamie Smith, Jeremy Sterk, and Helen Hicks grab a bite to eat.

Dedication shows Positive results

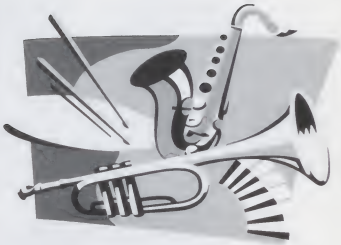
"Joining band was one of the best things I've done. It's a lot of hard work, but the results pay off."—Amy Chester

Concert band performed their first concert on December 12 and carried the concert season through to June 4 when they performed at graduation. During the concert season, they performed and competed at ISSMA and received a Division II.

In April they traveled to Ohio to perform in the Kings Island Festival of Bands Contest in which they received a Division I. "In recent years, we've had some very lean times. With the start of this year, we're developing not only higher member numbers, but also our performance abilities," said band director Mr. McCarthy.

Added to the music department was a strings class with director Mr. Meng. The orchestra competed at contest and received a Division II. "I was really excited because it gave me a chance to play violin," said Chrisy Sanders.

Twenty-eight students attended district solo/ensemble contest. Fifteen received a Division I and 18 received a Division II. Eight of those students were able to go on and compete at the state contest level. Six received a division II and two received a division I. When asked, Val Williams said, "I felt privileged to be able to go down to state contest. I worked hard, and I was happy with my results."



Jazz Band. Front row—Chrisy Sanders, Elizabeth King, Dawn Mullins, Nick Spriggs-Hall, Jed Gapp, Valerie Williams, Todd Moolenaar, Sarah Windlow. Row 2—Alec Chase, Mr. McCarthy, Sheri Veldman, Jeremy Sterk, Jon Torrenga, Aaron Klemp, Jeff Misch, Joe Poole, Nathanael Wall. Back row—Barb Yaeger, Matt Gluth, John Bell, Mary Ahrendt, Dana Clark.

At the annual spring concert, the concert band performed *Light Eternal* and received a standing ovation for their great performance.

String Orchestra: front row—Chrisy Sanders, Ambica Serocinski, Kevin Getz, Kendra DeVries, Sarah Windlow, Ray Gross. Back row—Mr. McCarthy, Missy Will, Jeremy Sterk.

In addition to playing at home basketball games, the pep band also played at pep sessions.

Standing at parade rest, the marching band prepares to perform.

Co-captains Aimee Beougher and Nichole Walstra pose before performing the halftime show.

Hard work pays off For talented youths

"Getting a new director was rough at first, but the marching season turned out to be the best in four years." Barb Yaeger.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was the theme of the marching band and guard program. Their season began late because of a change in directors. The previous director resigned and Mr. McCarthy took over. When all of the practices and performances were considered the band and guard had a busy schedule. They performed at all of the varsity football games. In addition to that, they performed at several parades. These included the Touch of Dutch Parade in DeMotte, the Popcorn Festival in Valparaiso, and the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago. Marching band and guard also participated in three competitions. They earned third place at the Chesterton Invitational, fifth place at the Highland field show and they received a division two rating at the ISSMA District Contest.

"The marching season was primarily a time of rebuilding. With a new band director, we had to relearn everything in a matter of weeks. Everybody ended up working hard, and we pulled our marching show together in a snap," said Jed Gapp.

"Marching guard was very confusing this year. We had two directors, but we pulled through with an excellent season. I just want to say that I am proud of the girls who participated this year," said captain Nichole Walstra.

Winterguard show was, "On Bended Knee," by Boyz to Men. The show was written by Nichole Walstra, Aimee Beougher, Catherine Grube, and Michelle Smith. The guard competed at the ISSMA district contest and earned a first place rating. All of the girls also competed in solo performances and rated really well.

"Everyone worked hard and put a lot of time and effort into the show. It was a success with the help of Mrs. McCarthy," said Michelle Smith.

After competing seniors Jon Torrenga, Chris Sanders, Amber Schriener, and Jeremy Sterk get together.

Winterguard members Nichole Walstra, Aimee Beougher, Michelle Smith, Megan Gentry, and Stephanie Solich take a break from practice to take a picture.

After a hard practice for their Christmas performance the swing choir takes a rest.

Singing out with pride

To the choir students, choir is more than just singing. These students spent a lot of time out of school singing for the community. The swing choir also spent time working on dance steps. They sang at Celebration Station, and at Holly's Restaurant. They visited nursing homes and also the DeMotte and Wheatfield Elementary schools. They have also gone to competitions during the year.

While swing choir was busy so were the other choir classes. Concert choir went to the choral fest with swing choir. Also, concert choir competed at a contest with treble choir.

This group of students had a harder time than usual because they had to work around the fire. For two weeks the choir classes were held in the cafeteria. They had to use the old piano and dance around tables for practice before the choral fest. Through all their work and dedication these students proved it takes more than a good voice but also hard work and determination.

There were auditions for the 1995-96 Indiana All State Choir on May 13. Students who were selected were Laine Hamstra, Jason Bakker, Keri Spurgeon, Kendra DeVries, and Sara Kreisher. These students will sing against other students in the area. In order to be chosen one must have scored high in the following: tone, intonation, diction, technique, and interpretation. Outstanding members of choir also received awards for their extra effort and surpassing ability. Awards went to Treble Choir:
Kendra DeVries, Sara Kreisher. Concert Choir: Amanda Apple.
Swing Choir: Kathy Buche.

> "Music enriches lives."

Concert Choir: Escarlan DeVries, Sarah Huckabay, Stephanie Barton, Becky Knapik, Beth Strong, Becky Chase, Ellen Misch, Heather Ketcham, Jessica Holobowski, Nellie Shidler. Row 2—Sarah Kreisher, B.J. Moore, Stacie Zelinga, Martina Plopper, Andrea Summers, Marilyn Bruce, Tracy Speek, Elena Burnaska, Teresa Carr, Gail Ooms, Nikki Peo. Row 3—Shauna Orieh, Davonne Abbring, Angie Wiederhold, Dawn Alexander, Carrie Gregory, Christie Bedwell, Becky Fox, Amy Kennedy, Hanah Schultz, Melissa Fraley, Sandy Kopella. Back Row—Mr. Darnell, Tiffany Yeniches, Tracy Gray, Jenny Hayes, Michella Sobella, Amanda Koen, Elizabeth McIntosh, Kelly Hepworth, Kendra Devries, Gina Shanks, Kathy Wontola, Shannon Pettit, Cindy Odle, Katie Oates.

Running the range of chords, Jared Arnett belts out the feelings of General Bullmoose.

After entertaining the crowd at Celebration Station, Hallie Apple enjoys free pop, pizza and tokens. Celebration Station was just one stop on swing choir's Swing Choir Tour.

Experience opens travelers' Gateway to new adventure

German paid off for third year student Ericka Dressen who was selected to attend a seven-week honors program in Germany. Also chosen to go to a foreign country was Jessica Stueben who was selected to spend seven weeks in France.

Third year German students did some skits including "Old McDonald," and "Bingo." "Taking German was a great chance to use your head and have fun, too," said Stephanie Barton. German students also had the opportunity to travel to Germany with Mrs. Masten.

First year French students ate a typical French breakfast and learned basic vocabulary. They applied French vocabulary to a simulated plane ride in which students ordered food and asked for the conveniences. Third year classes wrote journals and participated in classroom discussion. "I like French because it is different every day. The games break up the monotony of the school day," said Valerie Tachtiris.

Second year Spanish classes created posters for extra credit. "I think Spanish is fun because I like the words. A lot of the times it's hard to learn, but it's lots of fun to use it every day," said Angelee Abbring.

There was some pressure on third and fourth year students who took placement tests to see if they could become exchange students in Spain, France, and Germany. Students who qualified to take these tests were Ericka Dreesen, Jessica Stueben, Jeremy Orcutt, and Katherine Kucharik. Foreign language classes were moved due to the fire on March 1.

"The fire basically displaced us for awhile but it didn't really effect our work. I wish I could be in our old room, but until it's cleaned, where we're at is where we're going to stay," said Jessica Stueben."

Getting ready for their rendition of "Old McDonald" are Karen Jenkins, Laura Sexton, Amy Wiers, Katia Zylstra, and Angela Karch in German.

During their independent study time, Brook Kozak and Brook Spurgeon go over labeling a map of the regions of France.

Doing a remake of the Brady Bunch, Katie Deardorff, Courtney Belstra, Matt Neimiller, Missy Peo, Jamie Smith, Ryan Cornet, and Ryan Mikus become paper models of their ideal character.

Deciding what a person should take with her to France was just one assignment first year student Andi Rust did in order to apply her French vocabulary.

Explaining what they would take on a vacation to France led Jennifer Peo and Chris Cavanaugh to draw interesting conclusions on how different males and females travel.

Energetic toddlers mix With personal "buddies"

What do you get when you mix 23 toddlers and 32 teens?

Vocational Child Care, which offers students the real life trials and tribulations of running a day care center here at school. "This class is one of the most real life experiences teens can face with toddlers," said Shannon Evans, one of the "high school buddies" in the class.

Doubling the care center's size over the past year, from last year's two hour, 15 children class to a four hour, 23 child class is only one of the many achievements that this unique program has accomplished. Also parents were required to pay a fee for the care provided. The profits made were all recycled right back to the children in the form of snacks, supplies, games, and toys.

Some advantages for the teens in the program were hands-on experience, a double credit and a fun, interesting way to learn the basics of child care. Not only did the program benefit the students, but it provided a great, inexpensive service to the community. Students who volunteered took pride in seeing the smiles on the kids' faces, and their rewards come from the children.

Besides the sitting and learning service, this class was designed to help the children mature. Even when the kids got a bit wild, would not listen, or refused to stop throwing things, there were a few simple discipline guidelines that the care givers were required to follow. They were the goals of the program:

1. To promote independence.
2. To promote a positive self attitude.
3. To promote problem solving skills.
4. To promote muscle coordination.
5. To promote self control.
6. To promote language skills.
7. To promote social skills.

When asked how the students and children reached their goals, Mrs. Schroeder said, "The teens made up care packs which were to teach a lesson that elementary students will understand." Some of the lessons that were taught to the toddlers were computers, with the help of Mr. Hines, stranger safety, tooth care, the four food groups, water safety, and fire safety.

In addition to Vocational Child Care, students could also learn about food nutrition, married life, and the way children develop.

> "The class was great. I got to learn a lot about kids and to experience something new," said Marika Vuorinen."

Helping Jennifer Jones do a word find, Jennifer Colby explains the way words are used in sentences.

Doing one of their favorite activities, Becky Knapik and Tiffany Mathis create a picture on the chalkboard.

Showing Nick Kearney how to hold the marker right, Rachel Booker helps him draw a picture.

Playing with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are Amber Hansen, Marika Vuorinen, Tyler Buchaman, and Robert Belt.

Working on the toddlers Valentine folders and registration are Ellen Misch and Shelly Davis.

Students calculate win at state competition

Application was the focus of the math department's varied program. From Technical Math to Advanced Calculus, students learned to apply their theories to actual calculations. Algebra is the language of mathematics and the understanding of algebraic representations. It is also the prerequisite to further work in all mathematical subjects.

Discrete Math is the study of the mathematical properties of sets and systems that have only a finite number of elements. In this course students covered Data Analysis, Functions, Probability, Statistics, and Matrix Algebra. Advanced Topics which is now called Pre-Calculus covers Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, and Pre-Calculus. Students also studied several higher mathematical topics explicitly designed for the student planning to study Calculus.

AP Calculus provides students with the tools to study changes in a quantitative way. It's a course to study limits, derivatives, and integral functions. Calculus helped students to solve problems involving motion, rate of growth, maximum and minimum values, area and volume. Technical Math is designed to prepare the student for the study of algebra and Geometry. It has an emphasis on problem-solving and application of math skills. In Technical Math, the students worked together in small groups to solve problems. They discussed their answers with the class and took tests over the material.

In Advanced Algebra, students were working with the Quadratic Formula, and completing the square technique as well as how to solve equations with these techniques. Advanced Algebra has an emphasis on learning equation solving and its applications to find the solution to real world problems. In Geometry, the students worked with different geometric shapes to make the ornaments that were placed on the Christmas tree located by the main entrance. They used coordinate graphing and transformations to examine important geometric concepts.

For Tom Barlog math paid off with a silver medal at The State Decathlon in Indianapolis. "Even though I don't like to do any school related activities, Decathlon was lots of fun. I enjoyed it," said Tom Barlog. Kevin Kamminga also went to the State Decathlon in Indianapolis where he received a bronze medal in math.

Coming to class early is the key for Ryan Myers who uses the extra few minutes to complete his assignment.

Paying attention to Mrs. Roberts, Rosie Kanemanga, Jennifer Trock, Todd Moolenaar, and Catherine Grube strive to understand Advanced Algebra.

Calculating linear equations, Aimee Beougher applies essential algebraic equations in Mr. Hostetler's Advanced Algebra class.

Taking notes on the Pathagorian Theory, Jill Carney discovers the hypotenuse of the right triangle.

Establishing a strong mathematical base is important to college bound honors student Amy Stepanek. Calculus, taught by Mr. Orshurn, was just one of the advanced college prep math courses.

Good Start In Fitness

Teamwork topped the charts as freshmen dribbled, passed and shot through their favorite quarter of physical education.

According to the student handbook, the most important aspect of physical education is the emphasis placed on participation, rather than skill level (ability).

Jen Meadows said, "I hate the running, but I do like basketball even though it is hard work getting through the guards and making the baskets."

Football is another well-liked sport according to Freshman Kendra DeVries. Kendra also said, "It's a cool sport because of the teamwork needed."

Tennis was another enjoyed Physical Education activity. "Tennis is a fun sport because you are able to go outside and get exercise," said freshman Aaron Griffey.

Tennis can also be a hard sport because if you don't have good eye and hand coordination it can be difficult to hit the ball back over to the other team for a point.

Another reason why tennis was enjoyed by students was because, "It was a change from the usual pace," said Elena Bernaska.

Involvement was the true test at what a student has learned mentally and was determined by the written examination given at the end of each activity.

Involvement was the Key to PE.

Going for a dunk in P.E., Mike Bahnerth makes the shot.

Rich Tillema utilizes his track skills, learned through P.E. class, to run a track meet.

Trying his hand at tennis, Tiffany Leneave returns the ball.

Showing off his talent, Mike Barnett shoots for a goal.

Working hard for the tumbling test, Brian Cunningham does a cartwheel.

Taking a break from weights class, Chris Cavanaugh, Aaron English, Ryan Armstrong and Kevin Truman-Forehand talk about their plans.

Hands-on activities elevate meaning

Choosing careers, calculating velocity, understanding difficult biochemical reactions, and identifying organisms were just a few of the unlimited challenges which science students encountered in Biology I through AP Physics. Many of these subjects were hard to grasp, but hands-on experience offered in labs and field trips solved this problem for most students. With hands-on experience, they can see science in action and have a better understanding of the subject. ''Hands-on experience in science allowed me to choose a career in Biomedical Research and know that I will truly enjoy it,'' said Senior Joy Mervosh.

Not only do in-class experiments create a better understanding of science, but field trips and competitions also contribute to science education. On February 18, several students with various backgrounds in science competed in the Science Olympiad at St. Joseph's college in Rensselaer. Events ranged from Metric Mastery to Quantitative Analysis Lab. The teams got a first place in Bioprocess Lab and Designer Genes, a second in Physics Lab, a third in Circuit Lab, Nature Quest, and Quantitative Analysis Lab, and a fourth in Chemistry Lab, Experimental Design, Science of Fitness, and ''What Are You Telling Me?'' The Olympiad team earned fourth place overall. Samantha Boone, an AP Biology and AP Physics student, said, ''The Science Olympiad is great for people who are interested in academic competition, but cannot make a long-term commitment. There are so many areas to choose from that everyone can find the team for which they are best suited.''

Another competition took place on March 17 when Mr. Heid's AP Chemistry students competed in a chemistry contest at Valparaiso University. Among the many things that the students had to do included titrating acids and bases and identifying elements of a computer program. After the events, they were taken on a tour of the university's science department. Stacy Scholl said, ''I thought the competition was educational, and I enjoyed my time there.''

''Chemistry is a lot easier than I thought it would be. The things I enjoyed most about this class were the 'fun' labs, the friendly atmosphere, and of course, Ms. Haines.''

—Jamie Sabuda, 12

Concentrating on reading a complicated analytical balance. Melissa Stamper works to weigh the mass of her sample.

After lab, Brooke Spurgeon and Lacey Smith work on writing a difficult lab report.

In an attempt to coat a flask with silver, Shannon Wireman and Natalie Sark carefully measure and mix the different chemicals.

Sharing his science knowledge, Mr. Biddle enjoys teaching biology to freshmen.

Accurate measurements are critical to successful outcomes. Knowing this, Stephene Moyer carefully measured distilled water in a graduated cylinder.

Social Studies classes study life; make history

in classes ranging from history to sociology.

World history classes learned about beginning civilizations like the Egyptians and the Romans. They studied the French Revolution and leaders like Napoleon. "I think world history is very interesting because of all the fun things we get to do," said Kristen Cambe.

U.S. History classes learned about the things that shaped the country like the Civil War, the Great Depression, and World Wars I and II. "I have Mrs. Price for U.S. History. I thought it would be boring, but I'm actually learning something. She knows how to relate to people our age," said Amanda Lucas.

Government and Economic classes learned in detail how the government and economy work. School board meetings, political rallies, current events in the spot news coverage, stock market projects, and economic competitions kept seniors busy and informed about the government and economy.

Mr. Post's Economics team placed first at St. Joseph's College at Economics Day. "I find economics challenging despite all the hard work, I believe that I have learned something in Mr. Post's class.

I really like government because Mr. Hoover has a way to make learning fun. I'll never forget when he crawled under his desk to get our attention," said Jamie Sabuda.

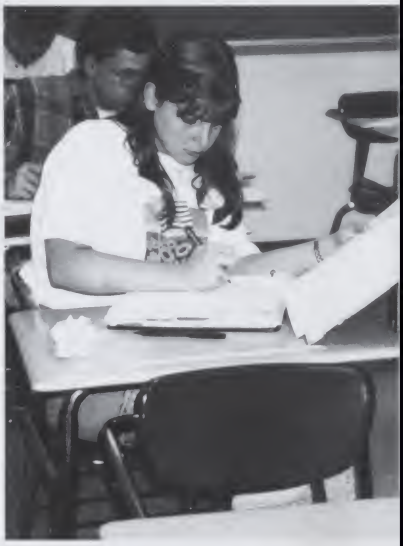
Current issues classes used television and newspapers to learn of the current issues of the world. This included Congressman Steve Buyer's KV campaign stop in May.

Human decision and how they effect the world was the basis of Sociology and Psychology.

International relations classes learned about the geographical features of the world and how it effects different cultures of the world.

"Although Mrs. Price's class was a little challenging, it was great preparation for the AP test. Writing all those essays became a huge advantage when it came down to the real thing," said Corine Tachitiris."

Smiling at a job well done, Jillian Barrera and Amber Midkiff look proudly at their world map that they drew on an Opaque machine in world history.



Attentively taking notes in economics, Trisha Hachlica furthers her knowledge of the country.

Carefully studying a world map, Jennifer Moyer asks where different cities and countries are located in the world.

Leta Martin and Helen Hicks trace their map of the world off an opaque machine during world history class as a project in which they were given a list of cities, and countries which they were to draw and locate on a map.

While Mr. Post lectures, Anglea Padol, Melissa Schoonveld, and Michelle Wallace take notes.

Technology offers Work opportunities

Technology classes offered a good start in life. Options for the hands-on student included woods, welding, drafting and housing. Woods class was an important part of the technology program.

Woods class instructor, Mr. McDowell, said that the main purpose of his class was to learn the many various ways of working with wood, a living and renewable material. Construction of household products, such as chairs, was one project. "Students also learned to use sewing machines in applying fabric to these chairs," added McDowell. Mr. McDowell also stressed that woods class emphasized skills such as problem solving, measuring, making layouts (plans) and doing type work. The class fostered self discipline, making a wood product can take four to five weeks, and also emphasized machine safety, a main concern for welding students.

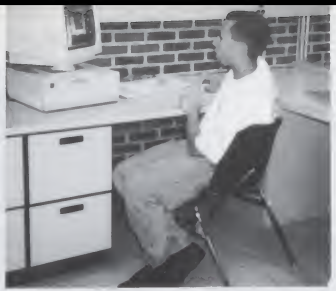
Mr. Mengell, the welding class instructor, described his class's purpose as teaching the repair of items made of different metals such as mufflers, benches, trailers, aluminum boats and motors. Matt Gluth, a welding student, said his biggest challenge was welding vertical up. Vertical up is welding from the bottom up.

"It's a good start to a welding career," added Chris Solich, another welding student. Along with woods and welding was the drafting class conducted by Mr. Hine and housing taught by Mr. Mulvihill.

The varied courses in technical skills introduced challenges and opportunities of vocational employment to many of the students.

"Woods, building trades, architectural drawing, metals and general shop were all important parts of my career training."

While playing a computer game, Rob Schanlaub contemplates his next move.



Putting a design into his woods project, Alan Valade finishes up his last minute touches.

Laying out his assignment, Jason Pavloff concentrates on his task.

Working together on their woods project, Ben Liss and Jason Kopf glue together their wall sconce.

Using the drill, Luke Flory puts his skill to work.

Every Minute Counts

Athletic students gave their all this year; they ran, swam, dribbled, spiked, and swung their fastest, hardest and best. After hours of practices preparation, and perspiration, teams faced intense pressure battling their rivals. The girl's basketball team made it to sectionals where they won the championship game 67-62 in overtime. The swimming season was led by Scott Krueger and Todd Moolenaar, who qualified for state and was the first ever sectional champion in our history. Lacey Smith and Amanda Hall tore up the track, leading them to the championships. Whether participating in the fast-paced action or cheering for from the sidelines, sports fans never found a dull moment, and athletes continued their adventure to the top.

Listening closely to the coach's speech, Andrew Slatton, Chris Ritchie, and James Broyles show their spirit at the Homecoming pep session.

Cutting the net after an exciting overtime win at sectionals, Kari Myers leads the team on their way to regionals.

Imitating the work of famous artist, M.C. Escher, Jen Nommensen created her own masterpiece.

Ten Nommensen

Pounding Out Victory

"Bittersweet" was the word used by Coach McDowell to sum up the '94 football season. Although pleased with his team's performance, he felt that his team was disappointed with their winning record of 5-3. Last year's record may have been a factor in their disappointment, as Coach McDowell said, "We've lost so many football games in the past years, then we have a 7-3 season (1993) and get greedy. It's good that they're disappointed though. It shows they're striving to be better."

This team felt that they were better too. Senior Tim Helton said, "We were the strongest, fastest, and most dedicated team of the others we played. Our record doesn't indicate what we were capable of." Coach McDowell completely agreed with this. He commented that he never once questioned this team's work ethic. As far as practices were concerned, he said that "This team ran more, lifted more, and conditioned more. They also had great summer turn-outs."

Work was evident during their season, particularly the Munster and Rensselaer games. Although the Kougars lost against Munster and won against Rensselaer, they were comparable games—in both games the Kougars showed the best overall team efforts of their entire season. Senior Co-Captain Charly Finney said, "We were just really pumped for the Rensselaer game. We knew we were going to be challenged, and we were able to defeat them to win back the crackerbarrel."

At the winter awards banquet eight trophies were given out, and six players were awarded the Kougar Pride award. Most Improved went to Mike Peo and Ryan Armstrong. Best Defensive players were awarded to Scott Patrick and Jim Herrick. Andy Spenner received three awards: Most Tackles, Mr. Defense, and Most Valuable Lineman. Mr. Offense went to Junior quarterback Bruce Przybylski. Seven Kougar Pride awards went to Seniors Scott Patrick, Tim Helton, Charles Finney, Ben Duttlinger, Jim Herrick, and Kevin Silverthorne. Kougar Pride is presented to players chosen by the coaching staff who throughout the season gave 100% effort.

Running over a Bomber, Ryan Armstrong rumbles to a 5 yard gain against rival Rensselaer Central.

Headliners

'94 All-Conference
'94 Tri-Captain
Kougar Pride
—Charly Finney—

Most Tackles
Mr. Defense
Most Valuable Lineman
—Andy Spenner —

Looking onto the field, the Kougar offense eagerly anticipates getting the ball back.

Breaking a tackle, Charly Finney gets around the corner.

Bearing down on defense, Chris Capellari gets ready for the snap.

Varsity Football (Front Row) Mike McCoy, Jason Hancock, Claus Nielson, Scott Lacey, Simon Bollin, John Hielema, Shawn Murray (Row 2) Jamie Patrick, Mike Bahnerth, Ryan Myers, Craig Robbins, Ryan Armstrong, Jeff Lauratus, Chris Capellari, Corey Scott (Row 3) Mike Peo, Aaron English, Scott Tillema, Billy Perkins, Scott Pendergrass, Jamie Smith, William Kuper, Kevin Truman, Forehand (Row 4) James Herrick, Bruce Przybylski, Tim Pogue, Lance Stevens, Andrew Slatton, Adam Howard, Brett Boezeman, Tim Helton, Charly Finney (Row 5) Tom Rusk, William Rackowski, James Broyles, Chris Ritchie, Andy Spenner, Scott Patrick, Richard Tillema, Ben Duttlinger, Kevin Silverthorne, Dan Kiselke (Back Row) Coach Carlson, Coach Lewallen, Coach McDowell, Coach Pete, Coach Moorehouse.

"We beat all of the teams we thought we would; I was very happy with our season."
—Coach McDowell —

Football

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Gary Mann	36	0
River Forest	22	10
North Newton	22	6
Rensselaer	26	12
North Judson	14	28
Lowell	6	38
Lake Station	40	0
Twin Lakes	17	20
Sect. Munster	28	35

Final Record 5-4

Beating the Odds

Freshman football team overcame all obstacles as they went undefeated against several tough teams. There were many factors which contributed to this; their past knowledge of the game being one of the most important. They did not come to Coach Gray and Coach Orsburn unprepared for their season. Most had attended the summer camps for two weeks before the school year began.

"As a class, they are extremely deep in quality players," commented Coach Orsburn. Their depth proved to be crucial to them, as they only had three players on both sides of the ball. Coach Gray said, "They were fresh when it was their turn on the field. Very few area freshman teams had this depth in their favor." Because of their depth, both coaches felt that they will be just as successful next year, as a J.V. team.

Their best game came against Rensselaer. For the past two years, the team had struggled and come up short against this Bomber team. At the time of the game, both teams were undefeated. Kougars took an early lead and were able to hold it for a 12-6 win. It was the highlight of their season as Scott Sytsma put it, "We had a goal to go undefeated and we knew this was going to be one of our toughest games."

Their goal was achieved, through all of their hard work and effort. According to both coaches they were a very coachable team that took instructions well and gave only 100%. Coach Orsburn had not coached football in five years, and he felt that this group of teens made it fun to get back into. Coach Gray also said that, "I really enjoyed this season, as my first year as a freshman coach."

Individual awards were given out to six different players. Jeff Misch received Most Improved. Lance Culp received Best Offensive Back. The Best Offensive Lineman went to Kyle Hanley. The Best Defensive Lineman was awarded to Kenny Kapella. Chris Scott and Aaron Griffey shared the title of Best Defensive Back.

Charging ahead for yardage at Rensselaer Central, Scott Sytsma leads the team to victory.

Headliners

Best Offensive Back
14 Touchdowns
830 yards/90 carries
—Lance Culp—

Best Defensive Lineman
10 Solo Tackles
3 Quarterback Sacks
—Kenny Kapella—

"I hadn't coached football in five years, it was fun to get back into it with this group of kids."
—Coach Orsburn—

"I really enjoyed this season as my first year as freshman coach."
—Coach Gray—

Freshman Football

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
North Judson	14	6
Lowell	21	12
Rensselaer	12	6
North Newton	26	0
Lake Station	28	0
Lowell	26	0
East Chicago	33	6

Gathering for a picture, the freshmen take time to relax.

Marching in the parade, freshmen get pumped up for the varsity game.

(Row 1) John Bell, Scott Sytsma, Jeff Misch, Dave Hancock. (Row 2) Coach Gray, John Hart, Tom Swafford, Erik Rammage, Lance Culp, Chris Scott, Ryan Cunningham, Cameron Bales, Coach Orsburn. (Row 3) Tim Funston, Aaron Griffey, John Hullman, Noah Forsipe, Mike Barnett, Jake Slatton, Jason Venderwoude, Steve Schoon. (Row 4) Scott Altman, Kyle Hanley, Kenny Kapella, Casey Weleski, Tom O'Brien, Darrin Dase, Tim Coffer, Jamie Groen, Erik Kozak.

Setting New Records

Todd Moolenaar was the first Kougar swimmer to go to state, finishing 20th in the 100m backstroke. Scott Kruegar broke records in the 50, 100, and 200m freestyles. Kougars broke seven records, and finished the year with a record of 11 wins and only 5 losses.

Boys swim team had their goals set high as they started the season with very serious preseason conditioning, which consisted of running many miles, lifting weights, and swimming laps in the pool.

In the first meet they destroyed Calumet and went on to place second in hte N.W.H.C. behind Rensselaer, and place third in their own invitational. This was the best in four years.

Swimmers had one of their best seasons with only five duel meet losses to Rensselaer, Hobart, Hammond Gavit, Crown Point, and Lafayette Harrison.

Senior, Charlie Finney said, "It was an honor to be on the team when the swim team had one of their best seasons."

Depth was a key factor with all their experience Kougars took advantage of this by finishing fourth in the Rensselaer invite, placing sixth in the Lake Central Sectional, and sending their first swimmer to State competition.

Sectionals was very promising for the Kougar swimmers. In scoring their personal best score of 110 points, Sophomore, Todd Moolenaar qualified for the State finals in the 100 meter backstroke, and tied for 20th place.

Senior, Scott Kruegar said, "Overall it was a great year. Instead of having only two fast guys, we had about five, and all the other guys were good and had talent."

This season brought many new school records for the team.

Scott Kruegar set records in the 50, 100, and 200m free styles, Todd Moolenaar topped scores in the 200 individual medley, and 100m. backstroke, and the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. On the relay teams were Moolenaar, Adam Hoffman, Jason Shelton, and Kruegar.

Swimming Awards—Justin Carter, Rookie of the Year; Todd Moolenaar, Captain, Most Valuable Swimmer; Scott Kruegar, Captain, Most Valuable Swimmer; Claus Neilsen, Most Valuable Swimmer; Adam Hoffman, Academic Award; Jason Shelton, Captain.

"On your marks get set go" Practicing before the 100 freestyle, Senior, Scott Kruegar prepares himself for another victory.

HEADLINERS

Undefeated during Invites and Conference in the 50 and 100 yd. free
Winning the 400 free style relay during conference.
Voted most valuable swimmer at K.V. Invitational.

—Scott Kruegar

1st Kougar Swimmer to qualify for the State competition.
Tied for 20th at State in the 100 meter Backstroke.
Broke the 100m. Backstroke and 200m. Individual Medley.

—Todd Moolenaar

Raising his arms in victory, Sophomore Todd Moolenaar realizes he has advanced to the State finals in the 100m. backstroke

Standing their ground with the record in the 200 and 400 freestyle relay, Jason Shelton, Todd Moolenaar, Scott Kruegar, and Adam Hoffman relax before the race.

"They were outstanding! Our school's best team ever!"
—Coach Roberts

OURS		OPPONENT
111	Calumet	73
70	Harrison	116
120	Knox	65
132	Gary Wirt	36
123	South Newton	56
69	Gavit	116
146	North Judson	17
64	Valpo J.V.	29
67	East Chicago	67
72	Rensselaer	114
124	Griffith	59
121	Lowell	54
77	Twin Lakes	107
84	Hobart	102
12	Noll	0
12	North Newton	0
3rd	KV Inv.	
2nd	NWHC	
4th	Rens. Inv.	
6th	Sectionals	

Back Row: Coach Dan Roberts, Matt Gluth, Charlie Finney, Scott Kruegar, Claus Nielsen, Adam Hoffman, Todd Moolenaar, Jason Shelton, John Torrenga. Front Row: Justin Carter, Joey Knutson, Justin Shaffer, John Hielema, Devin Simmons, J.D. Jablonski, Tim Ventrello, Justin Hildebrand

Diving Into Dominance

When asked what the main factor of the girls swim team's success was, Coach Michael said, "These girls work as hard, if not harder, than any other." The girls on the other hand, commented on what a great coach they had. Paula Zandstra said, "I had my best season since I've started swimming. I feel this is because our coach personalized the workouts." Katie Martin reflected on the mental side of things by stating, "Mr. Michael had a lot to do with our positive attitudes. He taught us to support and help our team members, and also to respect one another."

Whatever it was, it worked. The girls finished their season with a record of 6-1. They also had an astonishing win at the Lowell Invitational. Due to a band concert scheduled on the same weekend, the team competed with only seven girls. First places were taken in four events. Nicole Holst, Shelly Gates, Katie Martin, and Paula Zandstra won the 400 m relay. Katie Martin also took first in the 100 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley. In the 500 freestyle Paula Zandstra was the #1 finisher. Mr. Michael felt that "It was such a great win because it was so unexpected."

Not only did the girls excel in team effort, but their individual efforts also exceeded those of the past. Katie Martin broke five records, including those of the 100 Butterfly, 200 IM, 100 Breastroke, 100 Backstroke and 100 Freestyle. The 200 Medley Relay was shattered with a time of 2:10.63 by Michelle Wallace, Katie Martin, Paula Zandstra and Shelley Gates.

Another stand out individual was freshman Jill Garvey. Jill brought the team a lot of 2nd and 3rd place finishes. "For me, this year was an introduction to what I need to do for the team in the future."

Awards were given to both senior captains, Katie Martin and Nicole Holst. Martin also received the Most Valuable Swimmer Award, while Holst was named the Most Dedicated. Jill Garvey won the Rookie of the Year.

Swimming to a 1st place finish in the 100 Butterfly at Conference, Katie Martin finishes the race.

Headliners

94' Co-Captain
93', 94' Most Valuable Swimmer
Holds 8 Swimming Records
—Katie Martin—

94' Co-Captain
94' Most Dedicated
—Nicole Holst—

Poised on the diving board, Mary Ahrendt concentrates on her upcoming dive.

Coming up for air, Paula Zandstra finishes strong in her event.

"The Lowell Invitational was such a great win because it was so unexpected"
—Coach Michael—

Girl's Swimming

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Rensselaer	58	118
Knox	77	89
South Newton	47	55
Merrillville	68	102
North Judson	162	44
Griffith	162	100
Calumet	90	36
Griffith	116	61
Hammond	94	91
Lowell	90	92
Hobart	114	52

Girl's Swimming: Front row: Mr. Hamilton (Coach), Jason Shelton (Mgr.). Back Row: Paula Zandstra, Michelle Wallace, Chrisy Sanders, Nicole Holst, Katie Martin, Paula McEntire, Mary Ahrendt, Dana Clark, Kim Jakich

Sons of Kong

From having the skills to escape a tight clinch to bringing the opponent down for a pin, wrestling took quick thinking and reactions.

Joe Kopanda had what it took to excel in this sport. He was the sole member of the team to qualify for semi-state competition. The only way to master this sport was through hard work and discipline. A typical warm up for the wrestlers consisted of running three miles, doing plenty of push-ups and calisthenics then walking stair laps with a buddy on their back, doing wheel barrows, and lifting weights. Then, they wrestled their partner. "The practices were tough especially because we had to make up for the loss of last year's seniors," commented Scott Lacey.

The team was comprised almost entirely of new faces. "The older guys did alright. The younger guys got a taste of high school sports and higher competition. Surprisingly they handled the transition pretty well," said Coach Prochno.

Though the wrestlers proved themselves to be somewhat unpredictable in a variety of ways throughout their season, capability to be a prized team remained. "This team has worked twice as hard as any team in the area," replied Ray Gross. A prime example of the personal toughness that some of the wrestlers achieved throughout the season was heavy weight Aaron English who pinned competitors who outweighed him by as much as one-hundred pounds.

Awards were given to: Most Valuable—Rich Tillema, Rookie of the Year—Jon Holman, Mental Attitude—Chris Ritchie & Scott Patrick, Most Improved—Aaron English, Academic Award—Scott Patrick, Ironman Award Winners: Rich Tillema, Jason Norman, Scott Patrick and Scott Lacey.

Semi-State Qualifier Joe Kopanda break$ down his opponent for a win

HEADLINERS

'94 Rookie of the Year
'95 Semi-State Qualifier
—Joe Kopanda

'95 Most Valuable
'95 Ironman Award
—Rich Tillema

Scott Lacey works his way out of a hold.

Trying to bring his opponent down, Jon Holman strives for a pin.

Keeping focused Aaron English decides his plan of attack

"We had a very interesting season."
—Coach Prochno

Wrestling

Opponent	Ours		Theirs
Rensselaer Central	28		45
Lake Station	27		45
Merrillville Tourney	13	of	16
West Central	47		16
Lowell 6-way			
Lowell	30		37
Wallace	51		24
Munster	42		29
Griffith	42		33
Hanover Central	61		16
Kokomo Tourney	11	of	19
Knox	60		0
Laf. Jeff Tourney	7	of	8
KV Triple Dual			
South Newton	45		24
North Judson	31		30
North Newton	48		22
River Forest	47		18
NWHC	3	of	4
L. Harrison	24		39

Wrestling: Front row: Marc Whitney, Max McMillin, Jason Prochno, Joe Kopanda, Tom Mackey, Ray Orme, Dave Wells, Ronald Ingram, Walden, Jon Holman, Jason Kerr, Scott Lacey, Keith Wallace, Nathaniel Lineberry, Jason Vandewoude, Kevin Zukley. Back row: Coach Prochno, Aaron Griffey, Chris Capellian, Aaron English, Rich Tillema, Chris Ritchie, Scott Patrick, Tom Swafford, Asst. Coach Norwine.

Changing of the Guard

"Change," senior tri-captain Jeff Sampson said, "typified this season." The season saw four sophomores: Kyle Martin, Mike Bahnerth, Marc Gott, and Dustin Wright receive time on the varsity. Tim Jones returned after a year away from basketball as a senior. It was also Coach Jack Ford's inception into the Kougar basketball program. "This was a blue-collar team, what success we got was through hard work. What they lacked in talent, they tried to make up with hard work" is how coach Ford assessed the team.

Kougars had laurels as well as hardships. They played Gary Wirt, who had beaten the #1 team in the state, to a stand-off until late in the fourth quarter, and beat conference rival Lowell twice. Twice they blew double digit leads against rival Hebron, and did the same against Kouts. Kevin Silverthorne had this to say, "We were up and down the whole year. The tough games that we won were the games where our team play showed through." Tim Jones added, "Some of the tough games eluded us, but we pulled it together against Lowell in the sectional, stood fast, and with a little senior leadership in overtime, pulled it out." Kougars won that first round sectional game 55-48 in overtime.

Up next in the sectional were the Hebron Hawks. They had won the previous meeting. Kougars had a different ideas this time, as they jumped out to a 36-24 lead at the half. Coach Ford said, "We reached our potential in the first half of the Hebron game. It was the best that we could play. We executed both offensively and defensively." Then came the second half which went to Hebron 52-30 for a final score of 76-66 with Hebron on top. On the sectional Jeff Sampson said, "The fire screwed us up. It threw us out of our normal routine; it couldn't have happened at a worse time for us."

Awards were as follows: Best Field Goal %: Tim Jones, Best Free Throw %, Most Assists, Season Record Free Throw %: Kyle Martin, Most Rebounds: Kevin Silverthorne, Best Defensive Player: Mike Bahnerth, Mental Attitude: Jeff Sampson, Most Improved: James Broyles.

Looking for a way around Indiana All-Star Brett Fedak, Tim Jones passes back out front.

HEADLINERS

11.8 points per game
6.3 boards per game
53% field goals
—Tim Jones

11.2 points per game
6.6 boards per game
47% field goals
—Kevin Silverthorne

Adjusting his shot, Kyle Martin shoots a floater from about 15 feet.

Forcing him left, Mike Bahnerth overplays Bill Miller on his right side in the season finale.

"This season was enhanced."
—Coach Jack Ford

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Hanover Central	63	50
Wheeler	52	61
Crown Point	67	49
Griffith	49	52
Kouts	53	65
Boone Grove	53	52
Merrillville	38	84
Portage	59	76
North Newton	63	55
Valparaiso	54	70
River Forest	60	61
Knox	75	62
Lowell	54	42
Hebron	55	72
Renselaer	56	75
Tri-County	64	78
Lake Station	60	37
North Judson	78	51
Gary Wirt	39	45
Benton Central	53	97
Sect. Lowell	55	48
Sect. Hebron	66	76

Varsity Basketball. Front Row: Richard Ross, Tyler Martin, Lance Stevens, Kyle Martin, Chris Cavanaugh, Brett Boczenas. Row 2: Coach Ford, Angelo Padol (Mgr.), Coach Shepherd, Jeff Sampson, Tim Jones, James Boyles, David Dass, Kevin Silverthorne, Man, Gott, Hallie Apple (Mgr.), Coach Martin, Coach Osburn.

Shooting for stars

Kougar varsity basketball players had more than just wins to shoot for this season, they had stars to shoot for too. Kougar players were awarded for individual play along with team accomplishments by getting stars on the back of their shooting shirts that they wore on gamedays. Jeff Sampson said, "The stars were neat to try for. It's good to accomplish as a team and individually."

The star system is something that Coach Ford has used wherever he's been. He feels that the stars are just, "one more incentive to elevate play." Coach Ford likened the stars to the stickers football players receive on their helmets for achievement on the field.

The star system awards one individual star for each of these accomplishments in a single game: 12 Rebounds, 5 Offensive rebounds, 8 Defensive rebounds, 7 Assists, 70%-80% Field goal %, 80%-100% Free throw %, 8 Consecutive free throws, 8 Defensive positives, 4 Steals, 3 Charges taken, 4 Blocked shots, Key play—Save game etc.

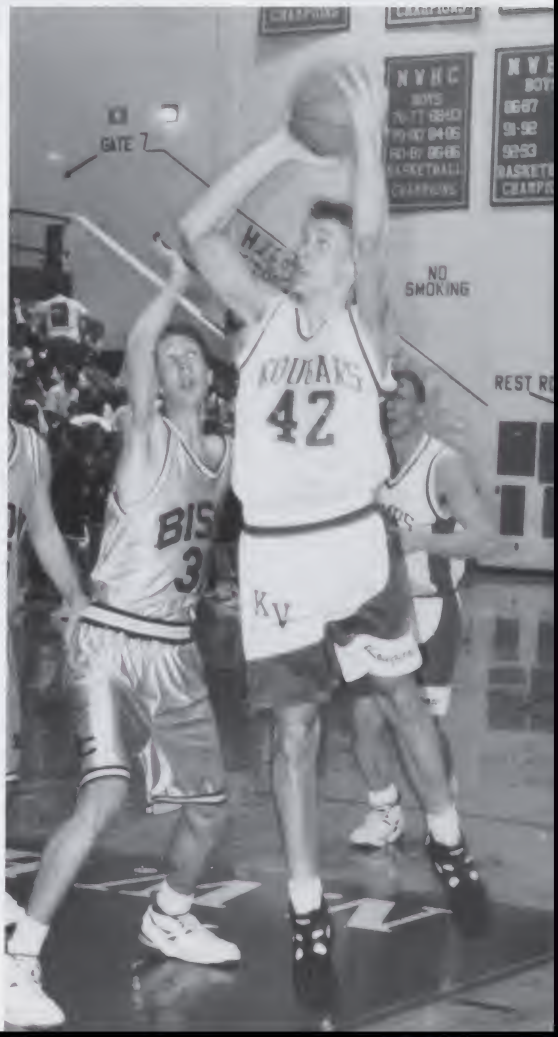
A team star is awarded for achieving seven out of ten of the following goals during a single game: Force 15 turnovers, Commit less than 10 turnovers, Hold opponent to elss than 43% Field goal, Hit 50% Field goal, Hit 70% Free throw, 15 Assists, Hold opponents to 55 points, Commit less than 15 fouls, Take 10 more shots than our opponent.

An automatic team star is awarded for the following: Win over a ranked team, Conference win, Sectional win, Force 20 turnovers, Commit only 5 turnovers, Hold opponents to less than 40% Field goal, Hit 60% Field goal, Hit 77% Free throw, Get 23 Assists, Hold opponent under 40 points, Commit only 6 fouls, Take 15 more shots than the opponent.

Leading the team in stars were Tim Jones and Kyle Martin with 28 apiece and Kevin Silverthorne was a close second with 25. On the stars Kevin Silverthorne said, "We needed more. They made me proud of my shirt though. It felt good to be recognized when I wore it on game day."

Awards were as follows: JV: Free Throw %, Most Assists: Dustin Wright, Most Rebounds: Kyle Hanley, Mental Attitude: David Walstra, Hustle Award: Jeff Lauraitis, Most Improved: Jamie Smith.

Freshman Awards went to: Free Throw %: Kyle Hamstra, Mr. Hustle: Chris Scott, Dave Hancock, Most Improved: Jeff Boer, Mental Attitude: Lance Culp, Steve Schoon.



Extending for a shot in the post, Kevin Silverthorne takes it up strong for two.

HEADLINERS

12.5 points per game
4.7 assists per game
47% field goal
—Kyle Martin

6.2 points per game
4.7 boards per game
52% field goal
—Jeff Sampson

Sporting their trophies, are the top star getters, Kyle Martin, Kevin Silverthorne, Mike Bahnerth, James Broyles, Tim Jones, and Jeff Sampson.

Taking it strong to the hole, Kyle Martin glides by as James Broyles looks on.

Using a spin dribble, Tim Jones brings the ball into the frontcourt against Crown Point.

"This season was transitional in many ways."
—Coach Martin

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Hanover Central	43	40
Wheeler	39	42
Crown Point	37	47
Griffith	47	41
Kouts	40	48
Boone Grove	39	34
Merrillville	32	45
McCutcheon	37	41
North Newton	51	26
Valparaiso	31	32
River Forest	46	41
Knox	64	50
Lowell	27	44
Hebron	60	52
Rensselaer	41	44
Lake Station	48	28
North Judson	23	49
Gary Wirt	31	49
Tri-County	45	41
Benton Central	50	33

JV Basketball Front Row: Angela Padol (Mgr.), Mike Bahnerth, Scott Sytsma, Jeff Lauratis, Dustin Wright, Dan Henry, Nick McAllister, Hallie Apple (Mgr.) Row 2: Coach Osburn, Ryan Myers, David Walstra, Jamie Smith, Kyle Hanley, Tony Risner, Coach Shepherd.

Freshman Basketball Front Row: Wally Kerns, Mike Bozell, Chris Scott, Lance Culp, Kyle Hamstra, Blayde Jungels, Angela Padol (Mgr) Row 2: Coach Harper, Dave Hancock, Tim Funston, Erik Kozak, Mike Barnett, Darrin Dase, Jeff Boer, Ken Vaught, Brad Murray, Tim Colfer, Erik Ramage, Steve Schoon.

Scorching The Nets

'Dream Team' was one way to describe the 20-2 Lady Kougars who boasted not only four All-Conference Standouts, but also captured Coach of the Year favors for Frank Ginzer. ''They were great players, who were dedicated to getting better and really worked hard to prepare themselves,'' commented Coach Ginzer about the team. With a rotation of All-Conference players Melissa Schoonveld, Kari Myers, Margaret Strain, and Rachel Knip; the season could not have been any different.

Defeated only by North Judson, the Lady Kougars faced sectionals with great hopes and dreams. When injury side lined Rachel Knip during the 2nd sectional game against Hanover Central, it caused a minor set back, but also created unity for the team. ''When Rachel got hurt during the game, it scared me. I didn't know what we would do without her, but everyone took a step up in their game and played to the best of their ability. We came out on top!'' expressed Jennifer Schoon.

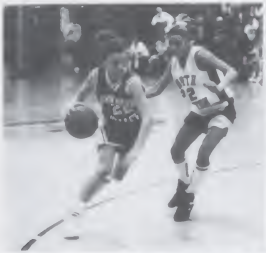
All four periods of the final round of sectional action were given and take between the Lady Kougars and the North Newton Spartans. ''We were down by three in regulation (51-54), and with eleven seconds left, Mel (Schoonveld) hit a three to send the game into overtime. We outscored them 13-8 in overtime. The final score was 67-62.'' exclaimed Margaret Strain. ''Sectionals will probably be what I will remember most from my basketball career. The final game topped it all off.'' Schoonveld said, ''It was great to come back and do what we were supposed to do; Win.''

Striving for a basket, Rachel Knip takes a shot.

HEADLINERS

'95 Player of the Year
'95 1st All-Area Team
Most Career Points 1,110
—Melissa Schoonveld

'95 1st All-Area Team
'95 Most Assists
'95 Most Steals
—Kari Myers



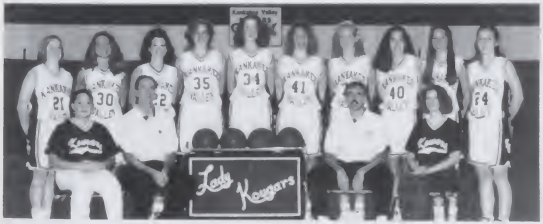
Using speed, Kari Myers charges around the Spartan guard.

Listening closely, Mel Schoonveld learns the plan of attack.

Athletic Trainer Chris Woods calms Rachel Knip before addressing her sprain.

The team looks on hoping the basket is good.

"Team unity was one of the biggest reasons we did so well."
—Coach Ginzer



(Front row) Sara Kreischer, Asst. Coach Gray, Coach Ginzer, Martina Plopper, (Back row) Joanne Fagen, Amy Howard, Kari Myers, Melissa Schoonveld, Jen Nommensen, Rachel Knip, Jen Schoon, Margaret Strain, Lacey Smith, Jodie Jungles.

Girls Basketball

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Boone Grove	66	51
Morgan Twp	80	40
Munster	68	33
Lake Station	78	31
Hammond Morton	48	36
Portage	67	52
West Lafayette	51	39
Hobart	53	52
South Central	66	51
Horace Mann	59	36
North Judson	49	55
Andrean	59	55
Lowell	72	57
River Forest	58	46
South Newton	68	46
Rensselaer	49	37
Hanover Central	82	59
North Newton	47	36
Sectionals		
Rensselaer	50	47
Hanover Central	70	44
North Newton	67	62
Regionals		
Lafayette Jeff	47	67

Golden Shooters 'Net' Victory

Melissa Schoonveld, who was recognized as the Rensselaer Republican Player of the Year, finished her high school basketball career as the holder of 22 school records. "As a freshman you could see the talent, but as the years went by she worked hard to improve that talent," Coach Ginzer stated about his star player. "When she was a freshman, she was a talented player. By her senior year, she was a dominating one."

Melissa's achievements included:

—Most Points—1,110
—Best Scoring Average—14.2
—Most games of 20 or more pts.—17
—Most double-digit pt. games—56
—Most Field Goals Made—435
—Most 3-point Goals Made—123
—Best Free Throw Percentage—67%
—Most Rebounds—549
—Most Blocked Shots—8
—Most Points per game—39
—Most Points per season—395
—Best Scoring Average—18ppg.
—Most 3-pt. Field Goals/season—45
—Most Field Goals/game—15
—Most 3-pt. Goals/game—6
—Most 3-pt. Field Goals/season—42

Four of the girls made the All-Area basketball team. They were Melissa Schoonveld, Kari Myers, Rachel Knip, and Margaret Strain.

At the winter sports awards banquet, Coach Ginzer gave out the following awards: Best Free Throw %, Most Rebounds, Most Pts., Best Offensive Player: Melissa Schoonveld. Most Assists, Most Steals: Kari Myers. Most Improved: Margaret Strain & Rachel Knip. Best Defensive Player: Amy Howard. Lady Kougar Hustle Award: Joanne Fagen.

With a smile, Player of the Year Melissa Schoonveld, takes time for a quick shot.

HEADLINERS

'95 2nd All-Area Team
'95 Most Improved
—Rachel Knip

'95 2nd All-Area Team
'95 Most Improved
—Margaret Strain

Kari Myers gets a Victory hug.

Jen Nommensen cuts herself a piece of the net.

Champions embrace Sectional trophy.

Team unites for one last shot.

''Great players, Great Team.''
—Coach Gray

JV Girls Basketball

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Boone Grove	39	22
Morgan Twp.	44	28
Munster	35	29
Lake Station	44	1
Hammond Morton	49	12
Portage	40	38
West Lafayette	69	33
Hobart	40	33
South Central	58	23
West Central	35	33
North Judson	48	51
Andrean	39	25
Lowell	40	24
River Forest	39	13
South Newton	49	19
Rensselaer	40	47
Hanover Central	38	29
North Newton	36	34

(Front row) Sara Kretscher, Asst. Coach Gray, Coach Gutzer, Martina Plopper. (Back row) Brooke Spurgeon, Jacqui Cates, Amanda Hall, Tiffany Bell, Donna Kamminga, Lauren Smith, Nicole Funston, Mary Ahrendt

(Front row) Jorie Kramer, Jill Spurgeon, Jennifer Gutzer, Ramie Truman-Forehand, Jennifer Wians. Coach (Back row) Kylene Kramer, Kelly Lamka, Diane Watson, Elizabeth King

Putting To Perfection

Golfers "Kept their heads down," and "followed through" in a record breaking 10-4 season. They broke the 9 hole, 18 hole, and team average. "This is the best season for the girls golf team in KV history. It was a fantastic year," said Coach Scott Green. The girls achieved this level of excellence by spending much of their summer months on the golf course. A few of the girls even participated in the IGA PGA junior golf tour to help them work on their skills along with giving them competition.

There is much more to golf than people think. There are many etiquette and game rules that you need to know in order to play competitively. It's not only a physical game, it is mainly a mental one. "It is really hard to keep your head in the game under pressure," replied Keri Spurgeon.

After five straight wins and a strong showing against #12 Andrean, golfers came into sectionals with confidence in their abilities. "Our goal was to break a 400. We thought that that would get us out of sectionals as a team," commented Keri Spurgeon.

The team fell short by five strokes coming in 4th with a 390, which was their highest finish ever.

Melissa Stamper was the sole member to continue on to Regional competition. She fired a 100 but was unable to advance to state due to "Very tough competition and bad weather. If I would have shot my average, I would have made it to state," Melissa sighed.

Awards were issued to: Most Valuable Golfer: Melissa Stamper, Most Consistent Golfer: Margaret Strain, Most Improved Golfer: Joanne Fagen, Most Dedicated Golfer: Keri Spurgeon, and the Golf Etiquette Award went to Jennifer Yankey.

Firing a 95 at sectionals, Margaret Strain finishes up her golf career.

Headliners

93' Regional Finalist
94' Regional Finalist
Best golfer in KV History
—Melissa Stamper—

92' Rookie of the Year
93' Most Consistent Golfer
94' Most Consistent Golfer
—Margaret Strain—

Striking a pose after the Tri-County Invite, Melissa Stamper holds her prize possession.

Anxiously awaiting the final results at sectionals are, Joanne Fagen, Jen Yankey, Margaret Strain, Keri Spurgeon, and Melissa Stamper.

Front row: Maci Mackiewicz, Katherine Kucharik, Keri Spurgeon. Back row: Joanne Fagen, Amy Howard, Margaret Strain, Melissa Stamper, Jennifer Yankey, Coach Scott Green

"We had a fantastic year!"

Girls Golf

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Chesterton	228	273
KV Invite	3rd of 8	
Rensselaer Invite	8th of 14	
Tri-County Invite	1st of 7	
West Central	206	242
Merrillville	205	228
Rensselaer	205	188
Lowell	205	279
Bishop Noll	205	225
South Newton	199	178
Portage	209	179
Knox	201	239
Lake Central	206	242
Hanover Central	196	196
Tri-County	196	254
Winamac	214	223
Andrean	209	180
KV Sectional	4th of 11	

Season Record 10-4

Volleying To Velocity

"We started out slow but came on and ended up a very strong team," said Coach Tania Price. This pretty much summed up the netters who dropped ten straight early in the year. However, "After agreeing to 'start the season over' they lost only two games. One of those was the sectional championship," reflected Coach Price.

Their heart and hard work were exemplified by their gutsy play on the game floor. Kari Myers said, "We always concentrated in practice on outworking our opponents. We had a great group that worked hard and had a lot of heart and desire to do their best." Coach Price added, "This was a very hard working group. Even though we didn't have the big hitter we might be accustomed to, we picked up the slack with defensive hustle when we needed to."

A very balanced attack was utilized by the spikers. Other opponents could not zero in on one specific position. Thus, the question of over-sized egos may arise. "No way, not on this team," said Myers, angry at such an inference. "We had a lot of fun, even though the year was challenging." Coach Price cited senior leadership as a major factor in the team's family like atmosphere, "Even though we had only two seniors, they gave us everything they had; 100%. They will be sorely missed."

Kougars after starting out slow, won seven of their last nine. The season also saw them get to the sectional championship game by beating West Central 15-6, 15-3. In the final they fell just short of beating conference rival Lowell and bowed out 15-17, 9-15. This prompted Kari Myers to say, "We played to the best of our ability, wanted to win sectionals, and just didn't."

One bright spot was the play of sophomore Angelee Abbring, who helped lead the late season surge. Angelee said, "The team had a lot of ups and downs, but really jelled at the end." She was only one of a feisty group of sophomore varsity members which included Jen Kaluf, Rachel Kaper, Shanna Snyder, and Abbring.

Awards were as follows: Co-Captains: Kari Myers, Brooke Kozak, Best Offense: Angelee Abbring, Best Passer: Rachel Kaper, Most Solo Blocks: Angelee Abbring, Most Assists: Kari Myers, Best Serving %: Shanna Snyder, Kougar Pride: Judy Bakker, All-Conference: Kari Myers, Angelee Abbring.

Setting up for a spike, Jen Kaluf rockets one across the net to an unlucky foe.

Headliners

'94 Co-Captain
'94 All-Conference
—Kari Myers—

4 year volleyer
'94 1 of 2 seniors
—Beth Knapik—

Catching her balance, Angelee Abbring bumps it across the net as Kari Myers looks on.

Stuffing a Hebron foe, Angelee Abbring puts it back in her face.

"This season was a good learning experience for all involved."
—Coach Tania Price—

Volleyball, Front Row: Shanna Snyder, Jen Kaluf, Jodi Jungels. Row 2: Shelley Recker, Rachel Kaper, Brooke Kozak, Beth Knapik. Row 3: Coach Abel, Judy Bakker, Angelee Abbring, Kari Myers, Coach Stevens. Back: Head Coach Price.

Girls Volleyball

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Morgan Twp	15-15	11-11
Wheeler	15-11-2	8-15-15
Plymouth	1-4	15-15
Hammond Noll	6-8	15-15
Valparaiso	13-6	15-15
South Newton	15-15	5-5
Tri-County	15-15	9-8
Hebron	15-12-8	17-15-15
Lake Station	15-2-15	2-15
South Central	15-10-15	13-15-13
Hammond Noll	4-7	15-15
Valparaiso	3-10	15-15
North Newton	1-11	15-15
M.C. Rogers	10-6	15-15
Andrean	10-3	15-15
Plymouth	5-14	15-16
M.C. Elston	2-5	15-15
Crown Point	6-5	15-15
North Judson	9-2	15-15
Portage	17-7-10	15-15-15
Knox	15-15	1-5
West Central	4-0	15-15
Benton Central	13-9-11	15-15-15
Lowell	10-14	15-16
Rensselaer	15-13-15	8-15-3
River Forest	7-15-15	15-4-0
Twin Lakes	9-7	15-15
Winamac	15-15	9-0
Clinton Central	15-15	7-7
Benton Central	18-10-15	16-15-9
Knox	15-11-15	1-15-8
Sect. West Central	15-15	6-3
Sect. Lowell	15-9	17-15

Final Record 13-20
Conference Record 2-3

Pacing With Pride

"The girls had an incredible season!" They were Conference and Sectional Champs and just missed continuing on to Regionals as a team.

Running with Lacey Smith in practice has paid off for sophomore Amanda Hall, who claimed second directly behind Lacey at Regionals. Both girls reached a mutual goal to finish the race before North Newton's top runner Jaynie Wagner.

Representing the team at State were Lacey Smith and Amanda Hall. Three of the underclass girls made the All Conference team: Lacey Smith, Amanda Hall, and Alesha Studer. Senior Jennifer Schurman and juniors Valerie Tachtiris and Lacey Smith, provided a foundation of experience for the team. "I think we've done really well and worked really hard," said Katie Deardorff.

Boys team lacked experience because it had no senior members. "The boys season was a long struggle. The team was injured by the fact that Mike Nannenga, an experienced runner from last year, was crippled the majority of the season," said Coach Prochno.

In the Conference meet freshman Keith Wallace and sophomore Luke Flory made the All Conference team and Justin Shafer, a freshman, made honorable mention. "This will give us a lot to work with next year," commented Coach Norwine. "The boys team was okay this year. It is hard to make up for the four senior guys that we lost from last year. But both teams are young and will improve with experience," replied Coach Prochno. "I think that we are doing all right if we can get everyone to do their part and take responsibility," replied Mike Nannenga.

Boys awards were issued to: Most Valuable Player: Luke Flory, Rookie of the Year: Justin Shafer, Most Improved: Wally Kendall, and Academic Award: Mike Nannenga.

Concentrating hard, Luke Flory stays ahead of his opponent.

Headliners

93' Rookie of the Year
93' Most Improved
94' State Qualifier
—Amanda Hall—

94' Most Valuable Player
94' All Conference
—Luke Flory —

Cutting corners, Amanda Hall strives hard to advance to State.

Being congratulated by teammates on her 32nd place finish, Lacey Smith takes a breather.

"We had a pretty good year!"
—Coach Prochno

Cross Country—Front row: Valerie Tachtiris, Jenny Evans, Lacey Smith, Amanda Hall, Katie Deardorff, Jennifer Schurman, Back row: Coach Prochno, Keith Wallace, Jon Conover, Luke Flory, Mike Nannenga, Blayde Jungels, Justin Whitaker, Justin Shafer, Coach Norwine

Boys Cross Country

Opponent	place
McCutcheon Invite	2nd
Indianapolis Invite	8th
Kouts Invite	2nd
Rensselaer	2nd
W. Central & N. White	1st
New Prairie Invite	6th
North Judson	3rd
Crown Point	5th
North Newton Invite	4th
Logansport Invite	4th
Knox & Tri County	3rd
Lafayette Jeff Invite	8th
NWHC at Lowell	4th
Rich Central Invite	4th
Sectional Rensselaer	6th

Being in good company

This marks the third straight year that Lacey Smith has gone to the state finals for girls cross country in Indianapolis. "My drive for a scholarship and love for winning keep me going!" Lacey said.

Smith also has help from outside influences as well as the desire in her heart as she cited her parents and coaches as a couple of her biggest inspirations: "Coach Prochno has really helped by pushing me, when maybe I wasn't doing a good enough job of pushing myself, and when I excel, it feels good to know that I've made my parents proud of me."

How does she handle being back to back regional champion, three-time state finalist, and having her name used in the same breath as back to back state champion Celeste Susnis? She's eager to pass around the credit; "Having Amanda Hall there this year really helped out a lot," Smith said. "She made state much more fun, and really helped me keep a healthy attitude throughout the year. Who couldn't use a little friendly rivalry?"

Awards, honors, and a star status aren't all that Smith has gotten out of cross country. The ramifications that it has had on her in life will long outlive her competitive days. "Cross country and running have really given me the discipline that it will take to get along in general day to day life," Smith said. "It has taught me how to manage my time and put my priorities in the right place."

From road races, to marathons, to track season, Lacey Smith keeps herself in shape. This enables her to run some 2.8 miles in under 17 minutes. Thus, another Kankakee Valley cross country runner, is a great one.

Awards were presented to the following people: Most Valuable Runner: Lacey Smith, Mental Attitude: Amanda Hall, Rookie of the Year: Alesha Studer, Most Improved: Jennifer Schurman, and the Academic award went to Lacey Smith, All Conference: Lacey Smith, Amanda Hall, Alesha Studer, NWHC Champs.

Giving it her kick, Lacey Smith runs to a sixth place finish at the New Prairie Invite.

Headliners

All-Conference, really stepped up as a sophomore
—Mike Nannenga—

All-Conference, freshman, gave team a solid third runner
—Alesha Studer—

Tearing down the backstretch, Lacey Smith comes in 3rd at semi-state.

Accepting their 1st and 2nd place awards, Lacey Smith and Amanda Hall don smiles.

"I love to win; ya' know winning feels good."
—Lacey Smith —

Cross Country Sectional Team members Valerie Tachtiris, Lacey Smith, Katie Deardorff, Amanda Hall; (Row 2) Alesha Studer, Jenny Evans, Jennifer Schurman pose with their sectional championship trophy.

Girls Cross Country

Opponent	
McCutcheon Invite	1st
Indy Pike Invite	2nd
Kouts Invite	2nd
New Prairie Invite	5th
North Judson	1st
Crown Point	2nd
Highland Invite	4th
Logansport Invite	3rd
KV Invite	3rd
Lafayette Jeff Invite	4th
NWHC	1st
Rich Central Invite	4th
Andrean Invite	3rd
Sectional	1st
Regional	2nd
Semi-State	11th

Un"matched" in play

"A young team," coach Roberts commented, "is what we were. However, we made strides towards becoming a better team." Kougar boys while being a young team took their lumps in compiling a 2-15 record. In winning a first round sectional matchup against East Chicago, they did salvage some credibility. The lone senior on the squad, Tim Jones, eventually won sectionals and came within one match of going to state. Ben Coleman, an undefeated player from Gary Wallace, stood in his way however, and Jones went down, 6-3, 6-4. On his loss, Jones had this to say: "It was a great pressure situation, and I felt I rose to the occasion, but I just fell short. It's a shame it would have been great to go to state." Boys awards were handed out to the following: Most Valuable Player, Team Captain: Tim Jones, Most Dedicated: Ryan Mikus, Rookie of the year: Doug Ruehl.

Kougar girls caught fire midway through the season and at one time won five matches in a row, thus helping them to an 8-7 record. Strategic improvements were evident by the end of the season as the singles and doubles players had a much more confident air about them. Coach Moolenaar commented, "We improved so much on our strategic play. We learned to hit to the backhand and go to the net." These improvements also led to a good showing at the annual conference meet, third place. "We lost so many matches 2-3! All year we were fighting to get over the hump, but we finished up strong," said #1 Singles player Kari Myers. Awards were delivered to the following: #1 Singles: Kari Myers, Co-Rookie of the year: Megan Hartzler and Angi Terborg, Co-Most improved: Norma Haan and Kara Zylstra, Most Dedicated: Staci Sytsma.

Returning during a rally, Megan Hartzler slices a forehand to her opponent

HEADLINERS

4 year #1 Singles
3 year Sectional Champion
3 year Most Valuable
—Tim Jones—

'95 #1 Singles
'94 All Conference
'94 Sectional Champion
—Kari Myers

Returning a serve, Norma Haan follows through on her forehand.

Rushing to the net, Kari Myers rips a backhand deep into the corner.

"The team improved so much!"
—Coach Moolenaar

Girls Tennis

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Rensselaer	5	0
Hanover Central	2	3
Lowell	0	5
Wheeler	2	3
North Judson	3	2
Knox	3	2
Lake Station	0	5
Hanover Central	2	3
East Chicago	3	2
Calumet	3	2
Rensselaer	3	2
Benton Central	3	2
Boone Grove	2	3
Sect.	Lost	

Boys Tennis

Opponent	Ours	Their
Lowell	0	5
Knox	0	5
Taylor	0	5
Twin Lakes	2	3
Lake Station	1	4
North Judson	3	2
Rensselaer	2	3
Hammond Noll	2	3
Michigan City Marquette	0	5
North Judson	2	3
Twin Lakes	0	5
Rensselaer	1	4
Benton Central	0	5
Calumet	1	4
Crown Point	0	5
East Chicago	5	0
Hammond Clark	1	4
Reg. Jones lost	3-6, 4-6	

Boys Tennis: Joey Knudsen, Dustin Schoonveld, Ryan Mikkas, Tim Jones, Adam Hoffman, Todd Moolenaar, John Kiersma, Coach Roberts.

Girls Tennis: Front Row: Kara Zylstra, Kari Myers, Staci Sytsma, Shelly Gates. (Row 2) Megan Hartzler, Angi Terborg, Amber Kaluf, Norma Haan, Allison Fase, Coach Moolenaar.

Striding For Success

"Outstanding!" is the only way to describe the boys track season. Not only did they meet their goal of finishing first in the NWHC for the third year and the Rensselaer Relays, they had eight members qualify for Regionals. They were: J.D. Jablonski in pole vault and high jump, James Broyles in shot put, Claus Nielson in the 800, Andy Spenner in discus, Rich Tillema in Hurdles, Charly Finney in 200 and 400, and the 1600 relay team. Advancing to state, James Broyles threw the shot put 53 feet. Broyles placed 15th at the state meet.

"We had a lot of success this year because of the hard work and the Senior leadership, but we owe most of the fantastic season to the great coaching," said Senior Rich Tilleman.

Senior leadership was a key factor. It led the way with outstanding individual performances and a good practice work ethic.

Senior Brian Misch said, "We worked hard, had many hard workouts, and put in a lot of miles, but it was all worth it because it led to the great success of the team."

Finishing the season with a record of 12 wins and only 1 loss proved to be one of the best seasons ever.

Senior Charly Finny said, "It was an honor to be part of this year's track team. We really over achieved and added one more block to the structure of a small history at KVHS."

Awards for the season were: Team Captains: Charly Finney and Rich Tillema. Most Valuable Sprinters: Charly Finney and Rich Tilleman. Most Valuable Field events: Andy Spenner and J.D. Jablonski. Rookie of the year: Claus Nielsen and James Broyles. Most Valuable Distance Runner: Luke Flory. Most Dedicated Athlete: Charly Finney.

Proving that hard work does pay off, Senior Rich Tillema had a most promising year with breaking the school record under 15 sec., winning NWHC in both 110 and 300 hurdles and qualifying for Regionals.

A HEADLINER A

—Placed 1st in the NWHC in the 200 and 400.
—Qualified for the Regional competition.
—Was undefeated in both the 200 and 400.

—Charly Finney

—Broke school record in 110 high hurdles.
—Placed 1st in the NWHC in both 110 and 300.
—Qualified for the Regional competition.

—Rich Tillema

Concentrating on every hurdle, Junior Dave Dase finishes third in the 110m high hurdles at their opening meet against the Rensselaer Bombers.

Clearing the bar with ease, Sophomore J.D. Jahlonski uses his talent in jumping to earn himself a first place finish in the NWHC in both pole vault and high jump.

"We have a good nucleus of athletes returning."
—Coach Roberts

Home		Away
52	Rensselaer	75
66	Crown Point	70
	Andrean	22
73	Lowell	55
	N. Newton	31
64	Winamac	46
	Knox	19
2nd	Twin Lakes Relays	
88.5	North Judson	32
	Lake Station	37.5
1st	Rensselaer Relays	
1st	N.W.H.C.	
74.5	Hebron	62.5
	Washington	22
87	Kouts	50
	Morgan	22
2nd	Sectional	

Boys Track Front Row: Mgr. Chrissy Misch, Lance Culp, Dave Hancock, Chris Scott, John Holman, Jason Schoonveld, Justin Whitaker, Keith Wallace, Mike McCoy, Jason Pavloff, Mgr. Heather Marshall. Row Two: Coach Prochno, John Jungles, Billy Perkins, Tim Ventrillo, Luke Flory, Jason Norman, Claus Nielsen, Jeremy Orcutt, Charly Finney, Coach Roberts. Back Row: Jeff Sampson, Dave Dase, James Broyles, Andy Spenner, Rich Tillema, Brian Misch, J.D. Jahlonski, Jamie Smith, Kyle Hanley.

Running Beyond Limits

Practice, Practice, Practice was the focus of the track team. Hard practices led the Lady Kougars to win 12 meets and lose only 1 to a State ranked team. This brought their career record to 210 wins 50 losses and 1 tie.

"All of the hard work paid off with the fun we had and our team success," said senior captain Joanne Fagen.

Lady Kougars won the Twin Lakes Relays for the 6th year, they captured N.W.H.C. for the 7th consecutive year and placed 2nd in the sectional to State ranked Valpo for the 3rd year. The average margin of victories for the Kougars was 45 points.

Tracksters had many surprises throughout the year: Senior shot putters Jenny Yankey and Rachel Knip were consistently competing against one another, at the N.W.H.C. Knip broke the school record and Yankey came right back and broke it her next throw. Jessy Stueben once again made it to the State finals in high jump along with teammate Jenny Yankey in shot put. Yankey placed 14th with a throw of 37'6". Jessy Stueben failed to qualify.

Senior Margaret Strain said, "I'm really glad I decided to join track for my Senior year. I really enjoyed being part of this successful group."

Awards for the season: Senior Captain: Joanne Fagen. Rookie of the Year: Nikki Ryan. Mental Attitude: Shanna Maple. Most Improved: Jen Schurman. Most Pts. sprinter: Jodi Jungles. Most Pts. Distance: Lacey Smith. Most Pts. Field Events: Jenny Yankey.

On your marks, get set, go! Striving to get to the front of the pack, the Lady Kougars distance team pushes to the front in the 1600m run.

HEADLINERS

—Senior Captain
—NWHC champs in 1600 relay (school record)
—Regional Qualifier in 400m dash

—Joanne Fagen

—School Record in Shot Put
—NWHC champ in Shot Put
—State Qualifier in Shot Put

—Jenny Yankey

Preparing herself for her next jump, Senior Jennifer Nommenson focuses on the height of the bar.

Trying her hardest to keep her pace, Senior Jennifer Schurman concentrates on her breathing during the 3200m run.

Using all her power, Junior Rookie Jennifer Schoon pushes with all her might to get the shot put into the air.

"The girls always put out 110% effort." Coach Adams

Home		Away
78	Rensselaer	40
79	Crown Point	44
	Andrean	14
93	Lowell	42
	N. Newton	12
70	Winamac	46
	Knox	24
1st	Twin Lakes Relays	
95	North Judson	23
	Lake Station	29
2nd	Rensselaer Relays	
1st	N.W.H.C.	
48	Benton Central	70
103	Kouts	50
	Morgan	46
	River Forest	16
2nd	Sectional	

Girls Track Front Row: Mgrs: Theresa Carr, Christy Bonnema, Michelle Smith. Row Two: Margaret Strain, Lacey Smith, Angelee Ahhring, Tiffany Bell, Jessica Stueben, Jennifer Nommenson, Rachel Knip, Jennifer Schoon, Laura Szeman. Row Three: Michella Kastelecka, Elizabeth King, Lisa Groet, Martina Plopper, Katie Deardorf, Jodie Jungles, Nikki Ryan, Kelly Lamka, Jennifer Trock, Diane Watson, Erica Dreesen, Alisha Studer. Back Row: Coach Adams, Coach Maple, Helen Hicks, Joanne Fagen, Valerie Tachiris, Shanna Maple, Katherine Kucharik, Jenni McAtee, Bonnie Nannenga, Laura Norris, Jennifer Ginzer, Jennifer Schurman, Jenny Yankey, Beth Knapik, Jennie Evens.

Swinging for the fences

Smack dab in the middle of the second season in Kougar softball history is where Coach Brian Flynn and his softball team found themselves. A beefed up schedule added to the tension. "We battled hard against some good programs," said Coach Flynn. Despite their tough schedule and program infancy Kougars built themselves an 8-11 record. On the season Brook Kozak had this to say, "With our schedule toughening it has made the season much more exciting. The Whiting and Wheeler games were good indications of how far our program has come in two years of time." Shelly Recker agreed, "Going against better competition has helped us mature as a team."

With wins over competition such as Hobart and Culver Military, Kougars staked their claim as a future force to be reckoned with in Indiana softball. "It was a learning experience for us all. When our hitting was lacking, we made up for it with a good pitching staff. Mel Schoonveld provided great hitting and leadership. She will be missed," is how Amanda Hall summed up the season.

Mel Schoonveld led the team in almost all offensive categories, including batting average, hits, extra base hits, and runs batted in. Brook Kozak commented on Mel by saying, "We'll miss our four seniors because of their leadership and experience. Mel will be missed especially because all year long she was our clutch hitter. Awards were granted to the following: Best batting average, Most hits, Most extra base hits, Most runs batted in: Melissa Schoonveld, Most stolen bases: Misty Mattingly, Most wins pitching: Brook Kozak, Most strikeouts: Connie Butler.

Sliding into the ball, Brooke Spurgeon takes a cut.

HEADLINE

'95 Most Hits
'95 Most RBI's
2 year starter
—Mel Schoonveld

2 year starter
'95 Senior Captain
—Kelly Dunn

Having a good eye, Amanda Hall takes a ball to get ahead in the count.

Scoring from third, Tara Bauman delivers a run for the home team.

"We battled hard."
—Coach Flynn

Girls Softball (Front Row) Brooke Spurgeon, Brook Kozak (Row 2) Mel Schoonveld, Kelly Dunn, Shanna Snyder, Tara Bauman, Connie Butler. (Back Row) Coach Brian Flynn, Amanda Hall, Misty Mattingly, Christy Kaminski, Melissa Hatfield, Shelly Recker, Coach Scott McAtee.

Girls Softball

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Hobart	12	10
Wheeler	5	8
Culver Military	15	5
Whiting	1	4
LaCrosse	19	9
Tri-County	15	5
Tri-County	31	4
Griffith	0	14
North White	18	10
Winamac	12	10
South Central	0	11
Lowell	0	11
South Central	5	8
Wheeler	1	3
South Newton	4	2
North Newton	3	15
Hanover Central	1	10
Lafayette Harrison	0	15
Sect. Crown Point	0	13

In The Swing of Things

The baseball players dusted off their mitts and drug out their spikes in order to help prepare themselves for the 21-8 season which lay ahead. The 18th placed preseason ranked team looked forward to a strong start with four returning seniors along with a handful of experienced junior and sophomore players. Unfortunately it took the team a few weeks to get their game back into the swing of things. "At the beginning of the season, we were not ready to play as a team yet," Brent Dyniewski commented. As they pulled things together, they started an adventure that later won them the honor of 2nd place in the Northwest Hoosier Conference with a Conference record of 9-3.

Efforts of the baseball team were evident to every fan. The players showed a great amount of enthusiasm, hustle, and the desire to win. The players efforts were not in vain. "Once we started playing as a team we started winning consistently," said Andrew Slatton. Their efforts brought a 14 game winning streak along with the pride of being ranked 16th in the state.

The streak came to a close when the team was unable to defeat the challenging Benton Central team. Along with losing the game, the team also lost its chance to set or tie the school record of 15 straight wins.

The team won a tough game against Lowell "We were fired up and seeking revenge!" exclaimed Brent Dyniewski. Then went on to beat Boone Grove and Hebron sending them to regionals. At the time of this publication.

Concentrating on his mission to score, Kevin Truman-Forehand slides in safely.

HEADLINERS

'94 Lowest Pitching Average
'95 Sectional Champs
—Brent Dyniewski

'94 Tied Most Home Runs Record
'95 Sectional Champs
—Andrew Slatton

With a stance of determination Jim Holmes knocks one out of the park.

Stepping up to the batter's box, Brent Dyniewski prepares to get on base.

After getting the signal for the pitch, Andrew Slatton throws a curve ball.

"We had a very exciting season!"
—Coach Greenlee—

Charging off the field after a victory, Bruce Przybylski and Aaron English discuss the last call.

Ft. Row: Andrew Slatton, Bill DeKock, Scott Lacey, Kevin Adamczyk, Matt Niemiller, Bruce Przybylski. Bk. Row: Coach Stevens, Coach Greenlee, Tim Pogue, Ryan Armstrong, Kevin Kamminga, Jim Holmes, Aaron English, Kevin Truman-Forehand, Dallas Wireman, Coach Orsburn, Coach Norwine.

Ft. Row: Sarah Huckabay, Scott Sytsma, Ed Ooms, Kyle Martin, Darrick Bennett, Chad Clay, Kevin Adamczyk, Marc Whitney, Sarah Opolski. Bk. Row: Tricia Cusack, Coach Orsburn, Jeff Ramey, Aaron English, Andy Steele, Corey Dykhuizen, Matt Niemiller, James Barrera, Keith Nannega, Stacey Marcum

Shot Above Par

Boys golf team combined dedication and discipline to reach their goal to succeed. "They played and will play golf any time they can," commented Coach Scott Green. With long practice hours the boys tried their hardest to show that ability and talent are not the only things needed to be a part of the team. "They worked on their game every minute in practice and were always looking for ways to improve," said Coach Green.

Move in from Merrillville junior Brett Parkis added his name to the team roster. He, along with sophomore Mike Bahnerth, were named to the All-Conference team. Honorable mention team shooters were senior Tyler Martin, junior Chris Cavanaugh, and sophomore Jeff Lauraitis.

The team was very young with one senior, two juniors, and twelve sophomore and freshman players. "This team worked well as a unit. Tyler Martin kept the team loose and relaxed. Everyone helped each other out. They were always competing against one another," commented Coach Green.

The team had to return to Forest Park Golf Course on Monday, June 5 for the second time due to a rain delay called after the first round of play. Jeff Lauraitis was the constant low shooter for the team. He fired an 84 in the Valparaiso Sectional. Also scoring for the team were Chris Cavanaugh, 84; Mike Bahnerth, 88; and Brett Parkis with an 89. A strong effort was not enough to advance the team on to regional competition. They placed 7th out of 11 teams.

The season ended with a record of 14 and 5 and a conference record of 5 and 1. Setting a school record for wins.

Awards were issued to: Co-Most Valuable Golfers: Jeff Lauraitis, Mike Bahnerth; Most Consistent Golfer: Chris Cavanaugh; Rookie of the Year: Brett Parkis; and the Golf Etiquette Award went to Tyler Martin.

Displaying perfect form, Mike Bahnerth drives the ball down the fairway.

HEADLINERS

'94 Most Dedicated
'95 All Conference Honorable Mention
'95 Co-Most Valuable Golfer
—Jeff Lauraitis

'94 Rookie of the Year
'95 All Conference Team
'95 Co-Most Valuable Golfer
—Mike Bahnerth

Preparing for his tee shot, Tyler Martin takes a practice swing.

Finishing his round, Dustin Wright completes a birdie putt.

Concentrating on the hole, Mike Bahnerth putts for par.

"The team had a very successful season!"

—Coach Scott Green

Ft. Row: Chad Anderson, Jeff Lauraitis, Chris Cavanaugh, Mike Bahnerth, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Brad Murray, Dean Sparks. 2nd Row: Doug Ruehl, Kenneth Vaught, Dustin Wright, Tyler Martin, Jon Coffer, Coach Scott Green. Bk. Row: Mike Greshaw, Eric Kozak, Nathan Mount.

Boys' Golf

Opponent	Ours	Theirs
Rochester Invite	6th of 18	
Andrean	192	166
Portage	192	182
Lake Central	159	162
Rensselaer	179	165
River Forest	186	216
Lake Station	186	211
South Newton	181	192
Benton Central Invite	3rd of 9	
Boone Grove	181	181
KV Invite	2nd of 14	
North Judson	158	244
Hanover Central	171	187
Rensselaer Invite	10th of 17	
Tri-County	171	197
Rensselaer	171	168
NWHC at KV	2nd of 7	
Merrillville	169	182
North Newton	169	230
Lowell	169	222
North White	158	192
West Central	158	184
Boone Grove	158	180
Oregon Davis	Forfeit	
Final Record	14-5	
Conference Record	4-1	

Fasten Safety Belts

We survived the year, but each class had its own worries. The 251 freshmen wondered how they'd get through the year, anxiety plagued them as they tackled additional loads of homework and kept out of the seniors' way. Sophomores joined 258 classmates in stressing over parallel parking and dreading the new IPASS testing. Preparing for prom and cramming for the SAT, 256 juniors united in wishing the year would quickly come to an end. College days and scholarships distressed the 208 seniors as they waded through applications and financial aid forms but looked forward to new horizons. Not only the seniors, but all of the 973 individuals continued on with their adventure.

Working against the clock, Allison Fase and Corine Tachtiris have some fun racing to finish up the newspaper before deadline.

Choir members Adam Woolever and Ryan Russel strike a pose as they relax at Celebration Station after a concert.

The artwork of Christopher Franks details the use of lines in a creative way.

Iran Floyd
Superintendent
Wayne Ryska
Curriculum Director
Phillip Apple
Principal
Dr. Jack Ford
Assistant Principal
William Willetts
Assistant Principal





Rich McEwan
Athletic Director
Tim Adams
Language Arts
Stephanie Benham
Fine Arts
James Biddle
Science
Sharon Blaszkiewcz
Special Education





Betty Brown
Language Arts
Heather Carey
French
Jodi Crane
Special Education
Bill Darnell
Choir Director
Paul Epley
Special Education





Lynn Ginzer
Business
John Gray
Math
Doug Greenlee
Health/PE
Julie Hains
Science
Jerry Hale
Business





Mark Hamilton
Science
Sue Hanley
Health/PE
Mark Harper
Language Arts
Bob Heid
Science
Ron Hine
Industrial Technology





Jerry Hoover
Government
Herald Hostetler
Math
Jerry Hughes
Counselor
Steve Inman
Agriculture
Bobbi Jeffries
Business





Ann Krejsa
Ed Plus
Mark Ladd
Computer/Math
Bob Lewis
Social Studies
Mary Lunde
Counselor
Steve Maple
Science

Gary Martin
Health/PE
Ron McAtee
Media Specialist
Scott McAtee
Language Arts
Tim McCarthy
Band Director
Shawn McDowell
Industrial Technology

Kathy McKinney
Language Arts
Maureen Melton
Special Education
Jeff Mengel
Industrial Technology
John Michael
Counselor
Sarah Miller
Fine Arts

New Administration Brings Change

When 1,005 students returned to school on August 22 things looked the same, but the atmosphere was different. Within 24 hours, the students knew that teamwork, rules, and fair play would be a part of the new administrative team's positive atmosphere.

Principal Apple said, "KV has a loving and caring student body who has come together as one."

Vice principal Willetts' primary goal was; "To have the best or most outstanding educational establishment in the state of Indiana."

Vice principal Ford said that he would like to, "Take a good school and make it better."

Superintendent Floyd said, "The students seem to have a very positive attitude toward education with the new administration. They are very cooperative and involved."

Presenting a $9,000 check to the assembly, Mr. Apple congratulates the student body on the efforts to help "one of their own."

Connie Moolenaar
Language Arts
Joe Moorhouse
Physical Education
Kevin Mulvihill
Industrial Technology
Jianyun Mung
Orchestra Director
Allen Nagel
Math





Paul Norwine
Social Studies
Greg Oliver
Special Education
Bill Orsburn
Math
Dale Osburn
Language Arts
George Post
Economics





Pat Price
Social Studies
Tania Price
Pool Director
Sara Prochno
Science
Judy Roberts
Math
Jennifer Schroeder
Home Economics





Marti Sherwood
Math
Kristi Slaby
Science
Jill Steiner
Theater/Speech
Peggy Tucker
Business
Paula Wellmaker
Home Economics





Sally Wiseman
Spanish

Diana Zacher
Business



On September 26, Mrs. Slaby was recognized for her achievements at the National Association of Biology Teachers. "I was excited and overjoyed to receive the honor of being the state outstanding biology teacher." She also had her name published in the book Who's Who in Education. Mrs. Slaby has done work on the Human Genome Project and is trying to bring bioethics back into the classroom.

Christy Bonnema said, "Mrs. Slaby is a great teacher. She is very down to earth."

School Board: Ruth Hanewich, John Price, Lloyd Nordstrom, Alvin Hoffman. Back Row: Robert Misch, William DeVries, Matt Luedtke.

Central Office Staff: Carol Werner; Karen Froman; Linda Howard





Support Staff
Gail DeVries
Special Education Aide
Myrna Dunn
Special Education Aide
Kathy Hancock
Special Education Aide
Irene Hoffman
Studyhall Aide
Arlene Jahnay
Special Needs Aide





Jill Kozak
Assistant Principal's Secretary
Gloria Kreisch
Bilingual Aide
Shirley Meeks
Studyhall Aide
Kathy Misch
Principal's Secretary
Kim Mount
Guidance Office Secretary





Rita Ryska
Treasurer
Roxanne Sanders
Library Aide
Andrea Scheidt
Nurse's Aide
Jane Stimple
Athletic Director's Secretary
Sandy Tiemens
Piano Assistant



Annette Tillema
Special Needs Aide
Debbie Turpin
Vocational Education Aide
Chris Woods
Athletic Trainer

Friendship dominates class

Finally released from the "old ball and chain" is what a lot of seniors believe graduation to be. Senior class of 1995 has had many accomplishments throughout their four years of high school.

As freshmen the seniors proved their enthusiasm by winning the Homecoming spirit stick, against the class of '91. A victory that will never be forgotten.

As the journey began to unravel, memories were made for many individuals. Joni Knip and Brian Niketh were named prom prince and princess, Kelly Dunn was crowned Homecoming queen, Sarah Flory won the Jr. Miss Competition, and nine seniors attended college second semester. As seniors, they pulled together with one another and the school to help raise money for a teacher in need, Mr. Hamilton. There have been so many memories from sports to academics that prove the past four years to be truly successful.

As juniors, working as a team came into effect. Although being kicked out of the pep session did not help any it did not stop the class of '95. They came back and won the next three spirit sticks. They were always striving to be the best at what they did.

Senior class also realized that in order to make it in high school one has to have friends. Friendships were something that the class of '95 had in ample supply. Everyone was friends and they all got along. Friendship began to form during the first two months of their senior year when three truck loads of seniors went out and t-ped fifteen Junior girls on the powder puff team. They then proceeded to cheer one another on in sporting events and in academics.

The past four years has been a time where friendships have been built, records have been broken, goals have been met, and memories have been created. High school is not meant to be a prison, but a learning experience, and a home to grow up to be the best we can be. The one thing the seniors valued most out of all the things that they were taught is that no matter what others think of you, everyone is someone as long as you never give up.

Helping the office collect attendance during the week of first semester finals, Katie Martin, Kacey DeKock, and Misty Orcutt find time to take a break from all their studies.

Senior Class Officers, Amy Musch—Treasurer, Amy Howard—Vice President, Dana Dorn—Secretary, Kevin Silverthorne—President.




Davonne Abbring
Drama 3; Pathfinders 3; Art Club 3, 4; Mirage 4; Powder Puff 3
Daryl Ackerman
Pathfinders 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; Baseball 4.
Brian Alberts
Amber Anderson
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1; FCA 4; Foreign Language 3; Tennis 1; Powder Puff 3




Amy Anderson
David Andree
Spirit 1, 4; SADD 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2; Powder Puff Cheerleader 3.
Amanda Apple
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 3; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4—Student Council Rep; FCA 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Junior Miss—1st runner-up.
Chad Arnett
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Swimming 2.




Jared Arnett
Charles Baisden
Spirit 1, 2, 3; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4; FCA 4; Yearbook 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Student Council 3; Art Club 4.
Peter Bakker
Michelle Banjura
Yearbook 2, 3, 4; Drama 2, 3; FHA 1, 2, 4—Vice President; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3, 4—President; Art Club 3, 4; Mirage 3.




Thomas Barlog
Carrie Beal
Laurie Bennett
Sunshine 3; Environmental Action 3, 4; FHA 4; Foreign Language 4; Art Club 4.
Dan Berry




Mark Birkett
Mitchell Bishop
Football 1.
Chris Bloch
Samantha Boone

Bryan Brown
Kathy Buche
Sunshine 3, 4; Drama 3, 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 2; Jr. Miss 4; Manager 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 4; SADD 2.
Steve Caldwell
FFA 1
Gary Carr




Christina Castillo
Sunshine 4; Spirit 1, 3; Foreign Language 2, 3; Powder Puff 4.
Aaron Chapman
Pathfinders 3, 4; Art Club 4.
Jennifer Coffer
Sunshine 1, 2; Spirit 1, 2, 3; BPOA 2, 3; Powder Puff 3.
Melissa Collins
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; Powder Puff 3.




Vince Collins
Christine Courtney
David Creviston
Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4.
Kim Culbreth




Choices open doors

With so much to do and not enough time to do it, many seniors found their senior year not only to fly by but also full of many decisions. During the first week of school "college" was a hot topic. Seniors were flooded with mail from colleges all over the country.

During studyhall and spare time seniors were found in the guidance office or in the library filling out college applications, financial aide forms, and scholarship papers. With two college days available per semester, many seniors took advantage and toured local colleges. Some local colleges that where a hot topic of conversation included Ball State, Butler, IU, Vincennes, ISU, and the popular Purdue. The military was also an option for outgoing seniors.

Toward the end of the first semester many of the Class of '95 knew where they were going or where they wanted to go. About ten seniors planned to further their education by enrolling in the service, Army, Marines, Navy, Airforce, or the ROTC.

Many seniors will find the real world easier than others after graduation because of local family businesses which they will begin to make their own career.

No matter where the class of '95 goes after graduation, whether it's to college, into the service, into the job market, or into marriage and family, they all will remember the good times and bad times encountered in the small Northwestern Indiana town of DeMotte.



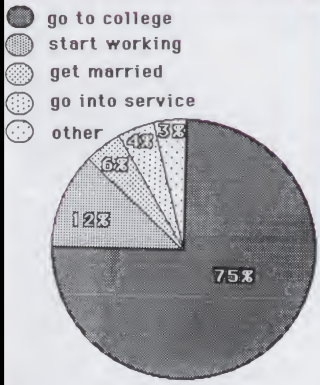

David Darnell
Staci Davidson
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Jamie Davis
Stephanie Deardorff
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; Powder Puff 3, 4.




Daniel J. DeFries
SADD 1; FCA 3; Art Club 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Baseball 1; Basketball 2, 3.
Billy Dekock
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; FCA 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1; Varsity 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4.
Kacy DeKock
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 4; Pathfinders 4; Art Club 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Christy DeVries
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; FHA 1; BPOA 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; SADD 2; Girls Basketball Mgr. 1.




Mandy Dewar
Sunshine 1, 2; Drama 2, 3; SADD 1; Pathfinders 3; Student Council 4; Foreign Language Club 1; Art Club 3, 4; Mirage 3, 4; Golf 3; Powder Puff 4.
Wally Dinga
Dana Dorn
Sunshine 1, 2—Secretary, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Interact 4; Peer Facilitation 4; Foreign Language 3; Jr. Miss 4; Sr. Class Secretary; Tennis 1; Volleyball 1, 2; Powder Puff 3, 4; Girls Basketball Mgr. 2.
Kelly Dunn
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; Varsity 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; BPOA 4; Student Council 4; Softball 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Powder Puff 4.



Collecting extra credit for Mr. Hoover's Government class, Seniors Melissa Schoonveld and Dana Dorn attend the January school board meeting to find out what's on the agenda for 1995.

Don Duquette
Ben Duttlinger
Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Environmental Action 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 2; Peer Facilitation 3; Computer Club 4; Varsity 4.
Brent Dyniewski
Baseball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Tennis 1; Varsity 4.
Larry D. Evers
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Club Officer Sentinel 3, 4.




Joanne Fagen
Varsity 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4—President; Jr. Miss 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3.
Amy Ferguson
Shaun Ferguson
Charles Finney




Sarah Lynn Flory
Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 3, 4; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4—Treasurer; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3; Jr. Miss Winner
Melissa Fraley
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1; Drama 2; SADD 1; FFA 2; Peer Facilitation 3; Foreign Language 2; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Craig Frieden
Spirit 2, 3; Pathfinders 3, 4; FCA 4.
Lauren Fritts
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; Pathfinders 3, 4; BPOA 3; Media 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2; Golf 1, 2, 3; Powder Puff 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.




Tony Gately
Kevin Gates
Terry Grover
Nicole Guanajuato




Michael Gutierrez
Karin Haan
Sunshine 3, 4; Spirit 2, 3; SADD 2, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; FCA 4; Peer Facilitation 4; Jr. Miss 4; Tennis 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Trisha Hachlica
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2; FCA 4; Powder Puff 3.
Karen Hack
Sunshine 2; BPOA 3, 4—Secretary; Powder Puff 3, 4.

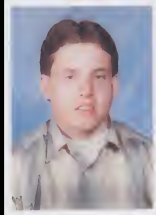





Philip Hamstra
Ryan Hamstra
FCA 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 4.
Sarah Hart
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4—Secretary; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 4; Interact 4—Secretary; Volleyball 1; Powder Puff 4.
Melissa Hatfield
Varsity 4; Mirage 2, 3, 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 4; Softball 3, 4.




Andy Hebda
Tim Helton
SADD 1, 2; Pathfinders 3; FCA 2, 3; FFA 1; Football 1, 3, 4.
Jennifer Hendricks
Dan Henry




Bradley Herbst
FCA 4; Computer Club 4; Marketing Student of the Year 93-95; Honor Roll.
James Herrick
Jeff Hicks
FCA 4; BPOA 3; Computer Club 4; Football 1, 2; Golf 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff Ass. Coach 4
Rick Hines




Nicole Holst
Amy Howard
Spirit 1, 2; Varsity 3; SADD 1, 2; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4—Vice President; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Sr. Class Vice President
Karen Howard
Jason Hubbard



Brad Hutsell
Jeremy Jarrette
Tim Jones
Spirit 1, 2; Student Council 2; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Computer Club 3, 4; SADD 1; Foreign Language 2, 3; FCA 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 3; Vice President 3; Yearbook Sports Editor 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4.
David Kaminski

Making grades; stress

It's the last night to study before your biggest final exam and you have to work until 10 P.M., you put off studying once again until the last minute. This is when the stress sets in.

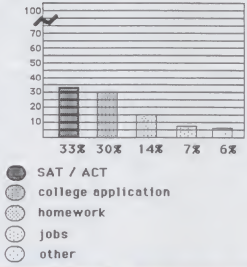
Although many students are worrying about problems at home, extracurricular activities, and social problems, 33% of the senior class found the most stress coming from studying for their SAT and the ACT achievement tests. Sarah Hart said, "The times when I found to be the most stressful was the night before the SAT's and the morning of."

College applications was another big worry of the seniors. Over half of the class planned on attending college or entering the service. Jennifer Yankey, one of the top three in the class said, "After school I plan to enter the Marines."

Harvey Nannenga, a member of the National Honor Society, said, "Studying and trying to get my homework done gives me the most stress."

There was always time to stress out over homework. Waiting until the last moment for a twelve page report, making up a speech the hour before it was due, finishing the last problem as you walked into class, were all very familiar to students. Most often it could have been prevented and was ignored.

Stress was very common in the senior class as they prepared to enter the real world and leave the past behind.



Kevin Kamminga
Sarah Lynn Kikkert
Spirit 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact 1.
Mike Klemp
Beth Knapik
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 4.

Joni Knip
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3; SADD 2, 3, 4—President; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 4; Interact 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; Jr. Miss 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Rachel Knip
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 2, 3; Varsity 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Foreign Language 2; Track 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Brett Kordich
Dan Koselke
FCA 2, 3, 4; Spirit 2, 3; Pathfinders 3, 4; Foreign Language 2; Football 4; Tennis 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Michaela Kostelecka
Jason Krooswyk
Spirit 1, 2; Computer Club 3; FCA 4.
Scott Krueger
Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 4
Josh Lineberry
Media, Basketball 1.




Nathaniel Lineberry
Drama 1, 2, 3; Yearbook 3; Newspaper 4; Media 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Computer Club 3; Winter Guard 3; Swimming 2; Wrestling 1.
Tom Mackey
Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff Cheerleader 3.
Joseph Malocha
Roberto Marinez
Environmental Action 4; Football 4; Track 4




Dannel Martin
Powder Puff 3, 4.
Katie Martin
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 2; Pathfinders 2, 4; FCA 1; Foreign Language 4; Environmental 3; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4—Captain.
Tyler C. Martin
Varsity 2, 3, 4; SADD 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4.
Misty Mattingly
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4




Jeff McComb
Joy Mervosh
Adam Miller
Spirit 1, 2.
Daniel Miranda


Brian Misch
Peer Facilitation 3, 4; SADD 4; Interact 2; National Honor Society 4; FCA 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 4.

Trying his hardest to create the best sports section for the yearbook, Senior Tim Jones, tries to find the perfect logo in a stress filled deadline.

Ellen Misch
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Yearbook 2, 3; Art Club 4; FCA 4; BPOA 4; Tennis 1; Powder Puff 3, 4

Jaime Moore

Stephene Moyer
Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; Sunshine 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Student Council 3; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Foreign Language 2, 3; SADD 3; Environmental Action 4; Academic Team 1, 2, 3.

Amy Musch
Senior Class Treasurer; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3; Drama 1, 2; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4—Vice President; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 3; FHA 2; Interact 1, 2, 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 2, 3; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3—Vice President; Speech team 4; Jr. Miss 4; Powder Puff 3, 4 .




Kari Myers
SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Spirit 2, 3; FCA 2, 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; Interact 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4—President; Student Council 4; Sophomore Class Vice-President; Junior Class Secretary; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4—Co-Captain; 2 yrs.

Aimee Nannenga
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; BPOA 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Tennis 1, 2; Softball 3, 4.

Bonnie Nannenga
Sunshine 1, 2, (3, 4)—Treasurer; Spirit 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact 1, 2, 3, 4—Treasurer; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Jr. Student Council Rep; Student Council 4—Vice-President; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3; Jr. Miss 2nd Runner-Up; Sophomore Class Treasurer; Cheerleader 1, 2; Track 1, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Bryan Nannenga




Harvey Nannenga
Spirit 1; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Tennis 2; Baseball 1.

Melissa Nannenga
SADD 1; Pathfinders 1; Sunshine 4; Powder Puff Mgr. 4.

Brian Niketh
Spirit 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; Varsity 4; Environmental Action 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; FCA 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jennifer Nommensen
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3; Varsity 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3; FCA 2, 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 4; Foreign Language 3; Art Club 4; Jr. Miss 4; Track 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Mgr. 1.




Ami O'Brien
Spirit 2; FHA 3.

Bill Oliver

Gail Ooms
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3; Varsity 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Yearbook 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Jr. Class Treasurer; Jr. Miss 4; Cheerleader 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Powder Puff 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. 3.

Misty Orcutt
Environmental Action 3, 4; Art Club 4; Powder Puff 4.




Jeff Ortiz

Mindy Owens
Sunshine 3, 4; Spirit 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Angela Padol
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 4; FCA 4; Peer Facilitation 3; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4—Secretary; Interact 1, 2, 3, 4—Vice-President; Foreign Language 3; Baseball Mgr. 3, 4; Basketball Mgr 3, 4—Head Mgr.

Lisa Pajkos
Spirit 1, 2, 4; Environmental Action 2, 3; BPOA 2, 3; Peer Facilitation 4; Mirage 1, 2, 3






Jonathan Parker
Computer Club 4.
Richard Partin
Aaron Paschke
Journalism 2, 3, 4; Sprnt Staff 2, 3, 4
Kathleen Patrick
Sunshine 3, 4; SADD 2, 3; Pathfinders 4; Powder Puff 4.




Scott Patrick
Tiina Pennanen
Sunshine 4; Drama 4; FCA 4; Foreign Language Club 4; Powder Puff 4.
Bonnie Peterson
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Sprnt 2; Drama 4; Pathfinders 3, 4; Media 3, 4; Foreign Language 1, 2; Jr. Miss 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Steve Peterson
Drama 1; FFA 1, 2—G.H. Treasurer, 3—Secretary; 4—Vice-President.




Shannon Pettit
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 4; Spirit 1, 2; FHA 1, 2; BPOA 4; Yearbook 3; Art Club 4; Tennis 1; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Jennifer Prosser
BPOA 3, 4—President. Golf 2, 3; Powder Puff 4.
William Rockouski
SADD 3; Football 1, 3, 4.
Bill Rakowiecki




Amelia Richards
Chalice Roberts
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2; Pathfinders 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Football Mgr. 1.
Richard Rose
Basketball 1, 2, 3.
Tom Rusk




Ryan Russel
Jamie Sabuda
Volleyball 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 4; Spirit 4; Drama 2, 3, 4; SADD 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 3, 4; BPOA 3, 4; Interact 4; Foreign Language 3; Speech Team 4; Mirage 3—Secretary, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Jeff Sampson
Sprit 1; Varsity 4; SADD 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Student Council 4; National Honor Societ 2, 3, 4; Jr. Class President; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Chrisy Sanders
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 4; BPO 3; Foreign Language 2, 3, 4; Speech Team 1; Winter Guard 1, 2, 3; Jr. Miss 4; Tennis 1; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Powder Puff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4.

Misty Sanders
Robert Schanlaub II
Computer Club 4.
Melissa Schoonveld
Sophomore Class President; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Softball 3, 4; Powder Puff 4.
Amber Schreiner
Color Guard 1, 2, 4; Winter Guard 1, 2; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 3; Powder Puff 4; Jr. Miss 4.




Jennifer Schurman
SADD 4; Pathfinders 4; FCA 4; Art Club 2, 3; Mirage 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3; Cross Country 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Basketball 1; Powder Puff 4.
Cameron Scott
Newspaper 2, 3, 4.
Mike Sell
Spirit 2, 3, 4; SADD 4; Pathfinders 4; Environmental Action 4; FCA 4; Interact 4; Computer Club 4.
Jason Shelton
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Super Senior 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.




Kevin Silverthorne
Carissa Simmons
Bryan Sims
Student Council 3; Computer Club 3; Foreign Language 1, 3, 4.
Steve Sipe
FFA 1; BPOA 3; Football 1.




Downtown sparks fun

Finding something to do after school was not a hard thing for the class of 95. They found most of their free time going up town and driving around until they would finally end up on the "hill" with a bunch of friends.

A large percentage of the class did not go out of town to find a night of fun. They stayed in town and went to a friend's house, one of the local fast food restaurants, or just hung out downtown.

The seniors were very school oriented. Many of them were involved in sports or the academic teams. Those not involved in these activities showed their school spirit through staying after school and helping to decorate the hallways and windows for spirit week.

When not participating in a school function or cruising through town, the seniors found themselves going up north to see a movie, going bowling, going shopping, or out for dinner with a group of friends.

The class of '95 seemed to stick together in what they did with their free time. It would not be odd to see 20 to 40 seniors piled up in pick up trucks and cars.

This is how the Class of '95 was different than the others. It did not matter what they did in school or out of school as long as they stayed together.



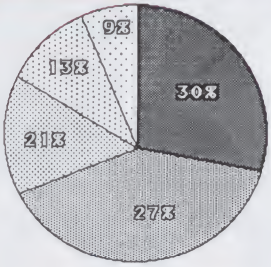

Andrew Slatton
Chris Solich
Jason Sons
Spirit 3, 4.
Melissa Dawn Stamper
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Foreign Language 4; Tennis 1, 2; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4—Captain.




Amy Michele Stepanek
Drama 1, 2, 3—Sec., 4—President; 1993-1994 HOBY Ambassador; Science Student of the month; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4—Captain; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Spirit 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Interact 4; Speech Team 3; Jr. Miss 4.
Jeremy Sterk
FCA 4; Peer Facilitation 2, 3, 4; Winter Guard 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 3, 4—President; All-State Band 3; IMEA Honor Band 3; United States Collegiate Wind Band 3; State Solo and Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4.
Jeff Stevens
Pathfinders 3, 4; SADD 2; FCA 4; Art Club 3, 4
Tracee Stone
Sunshine 2, 3




Margaret Strain
Spirit 2, 3; Varsity 2, 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Foreign Language 2, 3; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Track 1; Softball 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4.
Andy Strong
Elizabeth Strutz
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 4; Art Club 4; Powder Puff 3, 4.
Jason Swallow



Standing by their finished product, Darrell Vincent, and Tom Mackey helped during class time to decorate the senior hallway for spirit week.

What is unique about 1995?

"We can accomplish anything we put our minds too."

—Misty Orcutt

"We've always had a lot of class spirit and school spirit."

—Kari Myers

"We are unafraid to stand up for what we believe in."

—Jason Sons

"We work as a team to get things accomplished not as individuals."

—Melissa Nannenga

"We have a lot of academically inclined people."

—Stephene Moyer

"The class of '95 is full of energetic, fun loving, crazy people in general we like to have a good time."

—Karin Haan

"We have a lot of energy, the only problem is we don't always channel it in a positive way."

—Bonnie Nannenga

"We will graduate as the 25th anniversary class."

—Lisa Pajkos

David Sytsma
Staci Sytsma
Sunshine 1, 2, 3—Vice Pres., 4—President; Spirit 1, 2, 3, Varsity 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4—Vice-President; Yearbook 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Foreign Language 3, 4; Jr. Miss 4; Sophomore Class Officer; Cheerleader 1, 2; Tennis 2, 3; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Jeremy Talley
Andrew Terborg
Football 1; Pathfinders 3, 4; FCA 4.

Randy Thomas
Jennifer Thomason
Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; Varsity 4; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Pathfinders 1; Environmental Action 2, 3, 4—Vice-President; FCA 1, 2; BPOA 3; Newspaper 4; Interact 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Computer Club 2, 3; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3; Speech Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Academic Teams 1, 2.

Richard Tillema
Michelle Tillett
National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact 3; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Powder Puff 3, 4; Drama 4.

Shawn Timpe
Jon Torrenga
Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Swim Mgr. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ben Turpin
Spirit 1, 2, 3; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 4; Basketball 1; Golf 1, 2.

Claus Villekjaer-Neilsen
Football 4; Swimming 4; Danish Exchange Student.




Darrell Vinson
Donna Walker
Michelle L. Wallace
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 2, 3, 4; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 4; FCA 4; Tennis 1, 2; Powder Puff 4.
Suzanne Walstra
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 1, 2; Drama 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; Jr. Miss 4; Tennus 1, 2; Powder Puff 3, 4.




Nicole Whitney
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Student Council 3; Volleyball 2; Powder Puff 3, 4; Art Club 4; Spirit 1, 2, 3, 4.
Chad Williams
Heather Williams
Stacie Williams




Eric Williamson
Crystal Wireman
Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit 3, 4; SADD 3; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 4; Foreign Language 1, 2, 3; Art Club 4; Tennis 1, 2; Powder Puff 3, 4; Volleyball.
Joyce Woolwine
Volleyball 1; Tennis 1; Golf 2; Track 2; Powder Puff 3, 4; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Foreign Language 3, 4.
Jennifer Yankey
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Golf 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Speech Team 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Drama 2, 3, 4; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action 3, 4; Interact 3, 4; Peer Facilitation 3, 4; Foreign Language 3; BPOA 1; Varsity 2.




Tim Yokovich
Paula Zendstra
Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 4; Tennis 1, 2; Boys Swim Mgr. 3, 4; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Pathfinders 1, 2, 3; FCA 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Spirit 1, 2; Environmental Action 4; Interact 1, 2; Foreign Language 1, 2; BPOA 1.
Paul Zorka
Renee Zwinklis

TALK BACK

MY BEST EXCUSE TO CANCEL PLANS WAS...

"The cows are out"
Dave Duttlinger

"I'm washing my hair"
Amanda Dunlap

"I got grounded"
Shannon Wireman

"I have to spend time with my family"
Jenny McAtee

"I have to work"
Amy Borman

"I have to go to my grandma's house"
Jeff Opolski

Not Pictured
Mike Baggerly
Maureen Donohue
Rachel Enlow
Amber Hansen
Heather Jones
Cortney Murchek
Tracy Speck
Jennifer Stalhandske
Paul Thomason
Brett Walstra

Abbring, Kenny
Adamczyk, Kevin
Albertson, Dawn
Albertson, Lisa
Allen, Amber
Allen, Dorothea

Allen, Randy
Anthony, Molly
Arambula, Maria
Armstrong, Joshua
Armstrong, Ryan
Bailey, Jenelle

Bakker, Judith
Bales, Tishia
Barker, Jamie
Barker, Mark
Barlog, Dan
Bartolomucci, Robert

Bateman, Matthew
Bauman, Tara
Baumgarte, Cullen
Bedwell, Christie
Bell, Tiffany
Belstra, Sasha

Belstra, Shannon
Bennett, Dustin
Bierma, Dennis
Boezeman, Brett
Bolen, Shawna
Bollin, Simon

Driving the Junior class car in the Homecoming parade was exciting for Jan Hart, Molly Gatlin, Barb Yeager (mascot), and Ms. Hains (class sponsor).

Boon, Dale
Bormann, Amy
Brooker, Rachel
Broyles, James
Bruce, Marilyn
Butler, Connie

Byrom, Heidi
Casko, Angie
Cates, Jacqui
Cavanaugh, Christopher
Chapman, Kyle
Chase, Alec

Cimoch, Ronald
Cobb, Tina
Conover, Johnathon
Cook, Tommie
Cowles, Tony
Craighead, Christie

Crowe, Mike
Crownover, Bob
Curran, Danny
Curtis, Jennifer
Dase, David
Davis, Michelle

Deardorff, Mark
DeKock, Tim
Demopoulos, Jennifer
Devries, Kim
Donnelly, Martin
Donnowitz, Erica

Dreesen, Ericka
Dunlap, Amanda
Duttlinger, Dave
Engelhart, Jamie
Engelhart, Jill
English, Aaron

THE WEIRDEST THING THAT I'VE EVER DONE FOR MONEY IS.....

"ate a mouse"
Bruce Przybylski

"cleaned the dentist's office"
Shawna Bolen

"I cracked an egg on my head"
Andy Spenner

"I drank a glass of Mt. Dew with peas and a life saver in it"
Chris Cavanaugh

"I got on my hands and knees and barked like a dog across the street"
Annette VanTholen

"ate a worm"
Brad Martin

"rolled in a mud puddle"
Tim DeKock

Class Officers: Carrie Nemeth (treasurer), Jan Hart (vice president), Molly Gatlin (president), Amanda Lucas (secretary).

Enright, Erin
Evans, Shannon
Fagen, Brian
Fase, Allison
Ference, Susan
Ferguson, April

Flanders, April
Fletcher, Bria
Fox, Laura
Franks, Christopher
Fry, Don
Fugett, Larry
Jonkman, Tony
Jungles, Jodi

Fyda, Erica
Gapp, Jed
Gates, Shelley
Gatlin, Molly
Gillen, Jill
Gluth, Matthew
Kamminga, Debbie
Kamminga, Kelly

Graf, Kyle
Grandchamp, Aaron
Grandchamp, Dan
Gregory, Matthew
Gross, Raymond
Hachlica, Craig
Kenda, Robert
Kennedy, Amy

Hall, Christina
Hamstra, Belinda
Hamstra, Dayna
Hamstra, Kevin
Hamstra, Laine
Hamstra, Valerie
Kerns, Nickole
Kerr, Jason

Hancock, Jason
Hanewich, Matthew
Hart, Janice
Hartzler, Megan
Heath, Shannon
Heide, Chris
Ketchum, Heather
Kiersma, John
Kingma, Shannon
Knapik, Becky
Knudsen, Eric
Knutson, Josh

Henson, Holly
Hepworth, Clay
Higgins, Joan
Hoffman, Adam
Hoffman, Kristine
Holmes, Jim
Koppen, Scott
Koslovsky, Amanda
Kozak, Brook
Kramer, Jorie
Krsak, Jeremy
Krug, Christopher

Howard, Adam
Jager, Gary
Jager, Kimberly
Jarvis, Johanne
Johnson, William
Johnston, Charleen
Kucharik, Katharine
Lacey, Scott
Lewis, Kevin
Liss, Benjamin
Lloyd, Peggy
Lucas, Amanda

THE HAPPIEST MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE WAS.....

"My sophomore year in the wrestling sectional, after going the whole season without a win, I won the first match of my life"
Aaron English

"Performing for colorguard at state and winning fourth"
Nicky Walstra

"Scoring my only touchdown"
Andy Spenner

"When I made Varsity Cheerleading for my sophomore year"
Shannon Stowers

"When I found out I passed English and chemistry"
Lance Stevens

Decorating the hall for class competitions during spirit week. Jamie Myers and Jan Hart created a black and red spectacular.

Luedtke, Joshua
Lunsford, Crystal
Mackiewicz, Maci
Maple, Shanna
Marshall, Heather
Martin, Brad

Pierce, Brian
Pogue, Tim
Poole, Charles
Przybylski, Bruce
Pullins, Eric
Rahmoeller, Randy

Martin, Troy
Massey, Don
McAtee, Jennifer
Meracle, Renee
Meyer, Melanie
Mikolajczak, Ann

Ramsey, Dennis
Rayner Rachel
Recker, Shelly
Ricker, Daryl
Rients, Ryan
Risner, Chip

Miller, Jeremy
Misch, Kristine
Misch, Timothy
Molchan, Hilary
Moolenaar, Gregory
Mullins, Dawn

Myers, Jamie
Nannenga, Chris
Nemeth, Carrie
Nommensen, Jill
Norman, Jason
Obrien, Jason

Opolski, Andrew
Opolski, Jeff
Orcutt, Jeremy
Pavloff, Aaron
Peo, Melissa
Peo, Michael

Class decorations earned Mrs. Moolenaar's English class a two hour trip to McDonald's and Dairy Queen. Members were Shelly Gates, Shelly Pettit, Debbie Kamminga, Aaron Pavloff, Matt Gluth, Melanie Meyer, Dottie Allen, Kim DeVries, Tishia Bales, April Schanlaub, Marilyn Bruce, Chris Cavanaugh, Missy Peo, Jeremy Orcutt, Laura Szeman, Joan Higgins, Adam Hoffman, Adam Woolever, Matt Gregory, Amy Wiers, and Brian Fagen.

Peo, Nicole

Risner, Sasha
Ritchie, Chris
Robbins, Craig
Robinson, Joshua
Rogers, Aaron
Roorda, Brad

Peterson, Jeremy

Salyers, Shannon
Sark, Natalie
Schanlaub, April
Scholl, Stacy
Schoon, Jennifer
Schoonveld, Jason

Pettit, Shelly

Schultz, Hannah
Schultz, James W. IV
Sears, Wayne
Shown, Tabitha
Sipkema, Shannon
Skinner, Todd

LOOKING BACK

THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT THAT HAS HAPPENED THIS YEAR ...

"I met the lead singer of Justyn Kase"
Jed Gapp
(the lead singer is KV's band director)

"When FCA went to the Pacer's game, and I got to shoot a free throw on the floor at half time. I made it and won a turkey"
Kelli Orsburn

"When I jumped on the lane marker in swimming"
Devon Simmons

"When Mr. Hamilton came back after his car accident"
Paula McIntire

"When all of the juniors came together as a class to show school spirit"
Melanie Meyer

Smith, Lacey
Sonaty, Jason
Soohey, Shannon
Spenner, Andrew
Spurgeon, Brooke
Spurgeon, Keri

Stalbaum, Lynn
Stan, Eric
Stevens, Lance
Stowers, Shannon
Stueben, Heather
Stueben, Jessica

Sylvester, Kyle
Szeman, Laura
Tachtiris, Corine
Tachtiris, Valerie
Tillema, Scott
Truman-Forehand, Kevin

After discovering they have placed second by only one point, Mrs. McKinney's Sophomore class surveys their spirited room. Class members: Back row: Melanie Jonkman, Cindy Odle, Shanna Snyder, Halli Apple, Angelee Abbring, Rachel Kaper, Matt Niemiller, Mike Nannenga, Ryan Cornet, Front Row: Katie Deardorff, class mascot, Amanda Hall, Jamie Smith, Jason Bakker

Valade, Alan
Van Zuidam, Ryan
Vanblaircom, Bill
Vantholen, Annette
Veldman, Sheri
Verejan, Charles

Abbring, Angelee
Ahrendt, Mary
Alexander, Dawn
Anderson, Sean
Anderson, Stacy
Apple, Halli

Vourinen, Marika
Wagner, Kristen
Walstra, Jennifer
Walstra, Nicky
Watson, Sarah
Wells, Dave

Bachman, Steven
Bahnerth, Michael
Bailey, Jason
Baily, Ryan
Bakker, Andy
Bakker, Jason

Wells, Tim
White, Heather
Wiederhold, Angela
Wiers, Amy
Wiers, Timothy
Windlow, Sarah

Banks, Melissa
Barrera, Jaymes
Bartlett, Joe
Barton, Stephanie
Batinich, Jennifer
Beal, Kelly

Wireman, Dallas
Wireman, Shannon
Woolever, Adam
Yaeger, Barb

Bell, Stephanie
Belstra, Courtney
Bennett, Darick
Beougher, Aimee
Bertram, Bill
Black, Jeromie

Zaremba, Frank
Zelhart, Roberta
Zulaski, Tina
Zylstra, Kara

Blanchard, Scott
Boege, Bill
Bonnenia, Christine
Bristol, Holly
Brooker, Melissa
Brown, Jolene

SpeAK OuT!

If I was invisible for a day I would. . .

"Sneak around stealing things from my friends and drive them crazy."

Jamie Smith

"I would walk around and make everyone think they're hearing voices."

Tabatha Coffer

"Do the things I would normally not have the nerve to do."

Melanie Jonkman

"Visit the basketball court during a bulls game."

Amanda Hall

Sophomore class officers Melissa Howard—Treas., Jen Peo—Sec., Angelee Abbring—V. Pres., Mary Ahrendt—Pres.


Bryan, Rachel
Bult, Kim
Evert, Brad
Fitzpatrick, Jeremy


Caldwell, Brandon
Call, Jason
Flory, Luke
Fotinos, Christina


Capellari, Chris
Cates, Ron
Freeman, Jamie
Funston, Nicole


Chester, Amy
Clark, Charles
Gallagher, John
Geffert, Brandon






Clark, Dana
Clay, Chad
Cochran, C.J.
Coffer, Jon
Coffer, Joseph
Coffer, Tabatha
Gentry, Megan
Gillen, Vanessa
Gorski, Gregory
Gott, Mark
Granter, Jason
Gray, Tracy






Coleman, Erica
Cooper, Lisa
Cornet, Ryan
Culbreth, Mike
Culig, Tony
Dapshis, Jennifer
Gregory, Carrie
Greshaw, Michael
Grevenstuk, Jamie
Grube, Catherine
Haan, Norma
Hall, Amanda






Dean, Patrick
Deardorff, Kari
Deardorff, Katie
Deboard, Brett
Deerberg, Lisa
Dinga, Keith
Haring, Ryan
Hart, Adam
Hayes, Richard
Hayes, Tricia
Hayles, Kevin
Heck, Ricky






Dooge, Jason
Dozier, Jason
Drzik, Suzi
Dunham, Jason
Dykhuizen, Corey
Evans, Jennie
Hefner, Crystal
Henry, Curt
Henry, David
Henson, Amanda
Hepworth, Eric
Hielema, John

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO ACHIEVE THIS YEAR?

"To be the first person in A line at D lunch."

Ryan Myers

"To be the most improved in basketball."

Donna Kamminga

"To break the 400m dash time in track."

Jennie Evans

"To get good grades, and I want to be involved in several activities. "

Hallie Apple

Smiling with excitement, Kari Deardorff, Jen Peo, Shanna Snyder, Amanda Saylor, and Kelli Orsburn stop to take a picture with the Pacers mascot.

Balancing a reed on her nose, Catherine Grube demonstrates one technique of wetting a reed.

Kopf, Jason
Korth, Kary
Koselke, Steven
Krooswyk, Mike
Lauraitis, Jeff
Lewis, Mike

Luedtke, Tara
MacDonald, Lisa
Mak, Michael
Marion, Keith
Marshall, Leaha
Martin, Kyle

Massey, Ron
Mattocks, Steven
Maxfield, Thomas
McMunn, Danielle
McAlister, Nicholas
McCoy, Mike

Hildebrand, Justine
Hopkins, Daphne
Howard, Melissa
Howard, Val
Hubbard, Jeff
Hughes, Steven

McIntire, Paula
McIntosh, Elizabeth
Meeks, Andy
Meeks, Jeremy
Middlekamp, Chad
Mikus, Ryan

Hyatt, Andrea
Hyatt, Stephanie
Inman, Cassie
Jablonski, J.D.
Jackson, Jeremy
Jakich, Kim

Mills, Andy
Minix, Donna

Jarrette, Natalie
Jimenez, Christina
Jones, Elizabeth
Jonkman, Karen
Jonkman, Melanie
Kachlic, Mark

Mitchell, Joe
Moolenaar, Todd

Kaluf, Amber
Kaluf, Jennifer
Kaminski, Christie
Kamminga, Donna
Kapella, Sandra
Kaper, Rachel

Moore, B.J.
Mount, Nathan

Kaper, William
Karch, Angela
Kenda, Sarah
Klein, Josh
Klemp, Aaron
Kopanda, Joseph

Murray, Sean
Myers, Ryan

UP CLOSE and personal

If you were locked in the school for a weekend, what woud you do?

"Perform experiments in the chemistry rooms."

Ryan Cornet

"I would go above the ceiling tiles and explore the unknown third floor of KV."

Mike Nannega

" I would break into the candy machine."

Angelee Abbring

"I would break into the art room and paint the walls. They're so plain."

Steph Soto

Nannenga, Keith
Nannenga, Michael
Newbury, Arthur
Niemiller, Matt
Norris, Matt
Oatis, Katie

Odle, Cindy
Ooms, Ed
Orich, Shauna
Orsburn, Kelli
Ortyl, Derrick
Osburn, Dale

Owens, Rickie
Paczkowski, Matt
Patrick, Jamie
Pendergrass, Scott
Peo, Jennifer
Perkins, Billy

Pierson, Danielle
Poole, Joe
Prater, Bill
Ramey, Jeff
Risner, Casey
Risner, Tony

Rohder, Jacob
Roorda, Adam
Roorda, Amanda
Ruban, Kelly
Ruisard, Eric
Rust, Andi

Saboff, Adam
Salyer, Matthew
Salyers, Dawn
Samaniego, Renee
Saylor, Amanda
Schanlaub, Tim

Schiesser, Brain
Scott, Cory
Scott, Patrick
Serocinski, Ambica
Shanks, Gina
Sherman, Paul

Shidler, Nellie
Shirkey, Roberta
Short, Chris
Shouse, Russel
Shuttz, Angela
Simmons, Devin

Simpson, Tom
Skinner, Chad
Smith, Jamison
Smith, Lauren
Smith, Michele
Snyder, Shanna

Sorbe, Tessa
Soto, Stephanie
Sparks, Dean
Spring-Hall, Nicholas
Stamper, Kimmy
Steele, Andrew

Stephens, Jason
Stevens, Clay
Stewart, Shaun
Stotts, Candace
Summers, Andrea
Taylor, Stormy

Terborg, Angela
Trevisol, Christie
Tuohy, Ann
Vanderwoude, Jill
Vanschepen, Amy
Vantholen, Kim

Ventrello, Tim
Walker, Jamie
Walstra, David
Wantola, Kathryn
Wenglarz, Alex
White, Bradley

Whitford, Sherry
Whitney, Marc
Whitson, Josh
Whitworth, Nicole
Williams, Melissa
Williams, Robbie

Williams, Valerie
Wilson, Jay
Wood, Jay
Wright, Dustin
Zukley, Kevin

Not pictured:
Gonzales, Ernesto
Grugel, Steven
King, Evan
McLain, Max
Matthew, Earl
Medina, Mike
Miller, Crystal
Mityaeva, Lena
Molden, Brandon
Scott Chris
Sell, Eric
Troxel, Keeley
Williams, Jonathan

a PART of THE ACTION

What is the most important school activity in which you have been involved?

"Cross country, swimming, and track." Justin Shafer.

"Band." Elizabeth King.

"Track." Laura Norris.

"Drama." Elena Burnaska.

"Choir." Tiffany Yenchus.

"Basketball." John Jungels.

"A couple of the most important school activities in which I have been involved are Speech, Yearbook, and Drama." Tricia Cusack.

Abbring, Kati
Allen, Jamey
Altman, Scott
Anderson, Chad
Anderson, Jill
Arambula, Anna
Dase, Darren
Davis, Justin
Day, Matthew
Decola, Michael
Delvecchio, Samantha
DeVries, Escarlen

Baggerly, Jennifer
Bales, Cameron
Barnett, Mike
Barr, Thomas
Barrera, Jillian
Bell, John
DeVries, Kendra
DeYoung, Barbara
Dixon, Christopher
Donohoe, Colleen
Dukes, James
Earl, Travis

Berry, Scott
Besner, Robert
Beverly, Amanda
Boer, Jeff
Boon, Janet
Bozell, Mike
Eierman, Sarah
Estill, Holly
Fernandez, Feliscia
Fink, Ken
Fitch, Rusty
Forbes, Jenny

Brasel, Jennifer
Bricker, Heidi
Builta, Robert
Burkhardt, Becky
Burnaska, Elena
Bykerk, Denell
Forbes, Julie
Foresta, Tiffany
Forsythe, Noah
Fox, Rebecca
Franson, Steven
Fulkerson, Tonya

Cambe, Kristen
Carr, Angela
Carr, Teresa
Carter, Justin
Chapman, Rachel
Funston, Tim
Garvey, Jill
Getz, Kevin

Chase, Beckie
Cobb, Mattie
Cochran, Stephanie
Coffer, Tim
Collins, Sarah
Ginzer, Jennifer
Gordon, Natalie
Greenwood, Erica

Conley, Charles
Cooley, Mike
Cornet, Erik
Cox, Junelle
Crownover, Bill
Griffey, Aaron
Groen, Jamie
Groet, Lisa

Culp, Lance
Culver, David
Cunningham, Brian
Cusack, Tricia
Cutlip, Jennifer
Gross, Amber
Gross, Marla
Gross, Monica

Standing around at a school football game, freshman football players Jacob Slatton, Mike Barnett, John Holman, and Eric Kozak discuss action on the field.

Favorite Picks

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

"Mrs. Roberts, she's a good teacher and she's cool." Brianne Keiser.

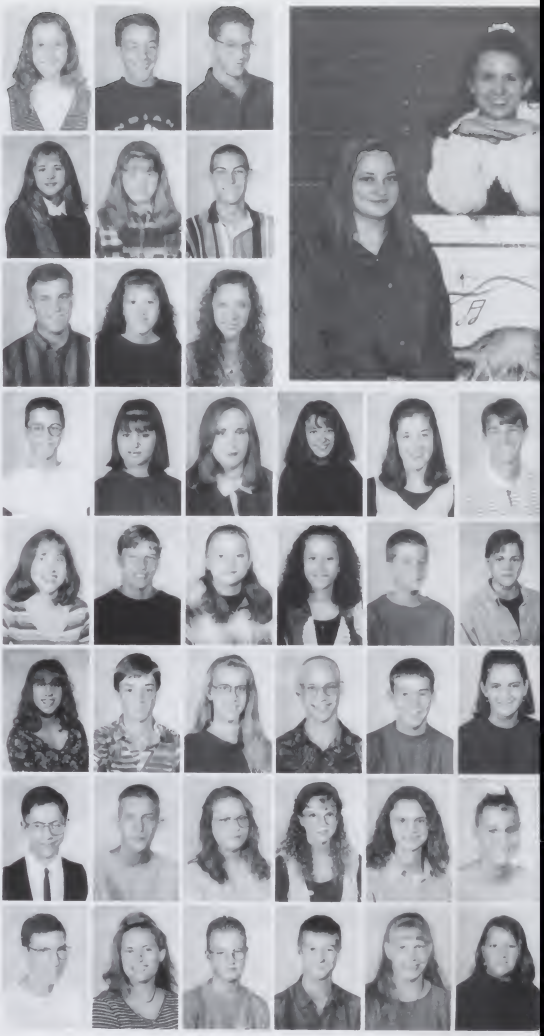
"Mrs. Prochno, because she is a very good taecher who keeps a laid back environment in her classroom." Lisa Groet.

"Mrs. Carey,she's nice , and she makes class fun." Becky Fox.

"Mr. Maple, he's funny." Jeff Boer.

"Mr. Hamilton, because he jokes around , and you can't really get in trouble in there." Angie Ketchum.

"Mr. Mengel, he is laid back." Joe Lumbley.



Freshman class officers. Secretary Debra Howard, Vice-President Jennifer Wains, President Jennifer Ginzer, Treasurer Martina Plopper.

Hall, Amanda
Hamstra, Kyle
Hancock, David
Lacey, Christopher
Lagestee, Mark
Lamka, Kelly

Hancock, Shannon
Hanewich, Lauren
Hanley, Kyle
Lee, Joseph
Lenearve, Tiffany
Leskiw, Nicholas

Hart, Jonathan
Hartzler, Rebecca
Hayes, Jenn
Lewandowski, Ryan
Lewis, Richard
Lewis, Robert

Hayles, Jeff
Heide, Heather
Hepworth, Kelly
Hicks, Helen
Hinde, Susan
Holman, Jonathan
Lineberry, Christopher
Lock, William
Lonsberry, Jamie
Lonsberry, Larry
Lovett, Becky
Lumbley, Joseph

Holobowski, Jessica
Holst, Jay
Howard, Debra
Huckabay, Sarah
Jablonski, Bryan
Jalovec, Dane
Magdos, Ryan
Marinez, Salvador
Martin, Leia
Mattingly, Mindy
McIntosh, Mark
Meadows, Jennifer

Jones, Jasmine
Jungels, John
Kamminga, Ondrea
Kapella, Kenneth
Kearney, Scott
Keiser, Brianne
Midkiff, Amber
Miranda, Joshua
Misch, Aimee
Misch, Jeffery
Mitchell, Stacy
Moyer, Jennifer

Kendall, Wally
Kerns, Wally
Ketchum, Angie
Kikkert, Jennifer
King, Elizabeth
Kirkilewski, Kiki
Murray, Bradley
Musch, Jennifer
Nannenga, Daniel
Nannenga, Danny
Neeley, Joshua
Nieken, Amanda

Knudsen, Joe
Koen, Amanda
Korem, Don
Kozak, Erik
Kramer, Kylene
Kreischer, Sara
Norris, Laura
Nuss, Tonya
O'Brien, Thomas
O'Bryan, Nicole
Opolski, Sarah
Owens, Stephanie

TAKING TIME OUT

What is the most important thing about being a Freshman?

"Getting involved and wishing you were older." Kyle Hamstra.

"You get to meet new people." Helen Hicks.

"Sticking up for what you believe and what you know is right." Kati Abbring.

"If you get bad grades, you have three more years to get good grades." Ramie Truman-Forehand.

"Getting to know your upper classmen." Jenny Trock.

Not pictured:
Michael Bratz
Eric Burkhart
Daniel Coomer
Tammy Engelhart
Lisa Stone

Patrick, Amy
Patton, Ricki
Patton, Tanna
Pavloff, Jason
Pigg, April
Plopper, Martina
Strehler, Kimberly
Strong, Elizabeth
Strutz, Jason
Stubblefield, Tricia
Studer, Alesha
Studer, Andrew

Prosser, Robert
Quinn, Ryan
Ramage, Erik
Ratliff, Scott
Richard, Toni
Richie, Jason
Sutton, Karine
Sutton, Tara
Swafford, Thomas
Swallow, Jeremy
Swallow, Joey
Swart, Kristi

Riffe, Craig
Risner, Tracy
Risner, Trisha
Rogers, Christina
Ruehl, Douglas
Ryan, Nicole
Sytsma, Scott
Taylor, Nicole
Tipton, Monica
Trock, Jennifer
Truman-Forehand, Rainie
Ubel, Stephanie

Scharp, Leah
Schoon, Steve
Schoonveld, Dustin
Schuldt, Jamie
Schuldt, Jennifer
Schultz, Amy
Vanblaircom, Jeffery
Vanderwoude, Jason
Vanwienen, Jamie
Vaught, Kenneth
Vickery, Stephanie
Walden, Travis

Scott, Bridget
Scott, Christopher
Sears, Regina
Sears, Richard
Sebella, Michelle
Shafer, Justin
Wall, Brent
Wall, Nathanael
Wallace, Keith
Walleske, Kenneth
Walstra, Pete
Wantola, Michael

Sharp, Gregory
Shelton, Adam
Shennan, William
Shepherd, Heather
Sherman, Jerilyn
Shirkey, Rachel
Watson, Diane
Whitaker, Justin
Wians, Jennifer
Will, Missy
Wireman, Krissondra
Woods, Rachael

Simons, Rick
Sims, Kristen
Sipkema, Daniel
Slatton, Jacob
Smith, Jennifer
Sohn, Lee
Wright, Jeremy
Yenchus, Tiffany
Zaremba, Alana

Solich, Stephanie
Sonntag, Jason
Spurgeon, Jill
Stalbaum, Lori
Stalhandske, Jason
Stevens, Kenneth C.
Zeilenga, Stacie
Zylstra, Nicole

Excited Nicole O'Bryan decorates banners for homecoming week.

Actions Speak Louder

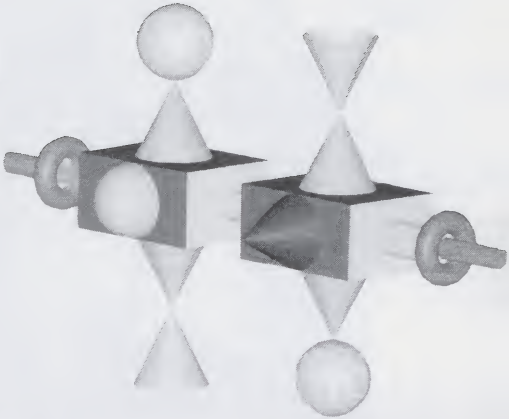
"Please stand on the risers, closer together, O.K. smile, WAIT! don't move, please sign this sheet, stay in order." Many students heard this again and again as they filed into the auditorium or gym for yearbook's club picture day. With so many clubs to choose from, how could anybody get bored?More than fund raisers and field trips, clubs were also a way to stand out from the crowd and expand horizons while meeting new people. From Academic Decathlon to SADD, the diversity of the organizations was amazing. Some (like FHA and BPOA) took part in intense state or national competitions, while others were primarily for entertainment purposes (like Computer club). Helping was the goal of Peer Facilitators, Environmental Action, and Pathfinders. Any Student who looked found a club to suit his/her needs. Clubs were just another way for students to get the most out of their education and join in the adventure.

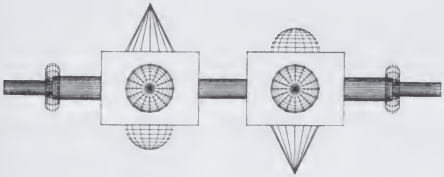
Choir members: Front row, Amanda Kosloysky, Shelly Gates, Kathy Buche, Ken Spurgeon, Brook Kozak, Hallie Apple, Amber Schreiner. Back row, Ryan Russel, Laine Hamstra, Adam Woolever, Jason Bakker, Jared Arnett, and Chris Krug.

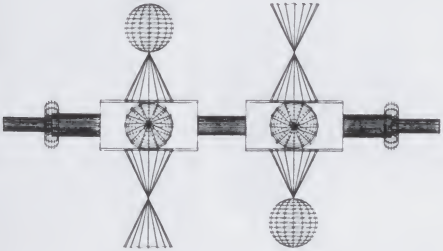
FFA Sweetheart nominee Joan Higgins nervously waits with her escort, Dave Duttlinger, for the announcement of the winner.

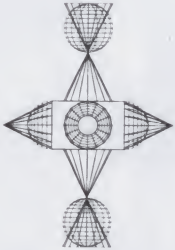
Showing each different dimension and the final 3-D model, this computer generated art was created by Mike Sell.

Mike Sell









Academic Decathlon Team— Front row: Corine Tachtiris, Samantha Boone, Ericka Dreesen, Stacy Scholl, Kris Hoffman. Back row: Mrs. Price, Mr. Heid, Tom Barlog, Joe Malocha, Joy Mervosh, Kevin Kamminga, Mr. Ladd

Spellbowl— Front row: Kris Hoffman, Stacy Scholl, Samantha Boone. Second row: Hallie Apple, Tricia Stubblefield, Becky Fox. Back Row: Mr. Ladd.

Optimistic about the team's performance, Kris Hoffman looks forward to the next academic competition.

Hours of practice Leads to success

"Participation in Academic teams is an important educational experience in which I wish more people would become involved."
—Kris Hoffman.

If one were to ask the average student how the football and basketball teams were doing, that student would have a good idea of what to say; but if one asked the same student how any of the academic teams fared, that same student would more than likely have no clue.

Regardless of the lack of attention given to the academic teams, several students who were curious about the teams decided to give competition a try. Kevin Kamminga said, "Academic Decathlon was a very enjoyable experience. It showed me how smart I really am. Overall, it was a great year and I enjoyed it thoroughly."

Academic Competition began in the fall with Spellbowl. Spellbowl was a good opportunity for underclassmen to find out what academic competition was like. Their contribution was important in the team's success. For the upperclassmen, Spellbowl was pretty much a warm up for the more intense Academic Decathlon.

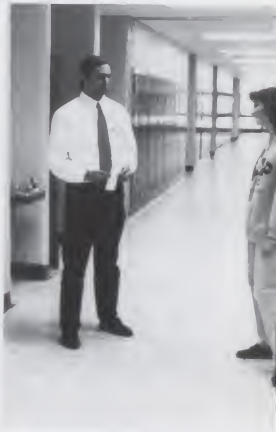
At the first Decathlon competition in December, the team won their seventh straight Conference title. In addition to a Conference victory, the team once again won the small-school division at area and qualified for state competition.

State Academic Decathlon took place at Southport High School on February 10 and 11. The team completed the essay, interview, and speech competitions on the night of February 10 and finished the competition on February 11 by taking scantron tests on Fine Arts, Science, written Super Quiz, Social Studies, Mathematics, Language and Literature, and Economics, and by participating in the team Super Quiz. The overall theme, Biotechnology, was integrated in most of the subject areas. Seniors on the team who had AP Biology class played a vital role in the team's third place finish in the small-school division. The team also captured first place in science with the highest score of any of the 24 teams.

Individual medal winners were Tom Barlog (silver in Varsity mathematics, bronze in economics), Samantha Boone (gold in Honors science, bronze in economics), Ericka Dreesen (gold in Scholastic science, silver), Kevin Kamminga (bronze in Varsity mathematics), Joy Mervosh (silver in Scholastic economics), Joe Malocha (bronze in Varsity science), Stacy Scholl (bronze in Scholastic speech), Corinne Tachtiris (bronze in Honors interview and fine arts).

The last academic competition of the year was the Academic Super Bowl. Students on the Superbowl team were divided into teams of three people in areas such as mathematics, science, social studies, English, and fine arts. There was also an interdisciplinary team which required students of different areas of talent to answer questions on a variety of questions. The theme for the 1995 Academic Superbowl was The Environment. The third place finish contributed to the Conference All-Academic trophy.

Unfortunately, the team was not able to win Area, and the academic competitions ended for the year.



Taking a break between events Decathlon team member Joe Mal

[illegible] is given at [illegible] encouragement by Angela Padol

The Mystery of Poetry

Poetry to me was once a mystery
Believed to be the language of the frail
Uninformed was I, as most through history
What was its importance to the world?

Browsing through some poems, I found one that hit home
And the lifelong secret was revealed
Each poet has to feel, then make his feelings real
To you and I through what we call a poem

People will always vary, so also must their poems
Just as we are different
We write from different homes,
For a poem is what you want it to be

Mike Nannenga

Remember Me

Remember me when I'm gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can never again hold my hand.
Now I half turn to go, yet turning I stay.
Remember me when no more day by day,
You tell me of our future that you've planned
Only remember me--you understand.
It will be too late to council then or pray.

Yet if you should forget me for awhile,
And afterwards remember; do not grieve;
For if the darkness and corruption leave
And you remember the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Tabatha Coffer

LIFE

Away we fall like leaves on a tree
never to be known throughout mans'history
just another person
in just another place
forever filling up vacancies
in just another empty space
roaming around on a roller coaster
for the rest of our lives
never knowing the answer
to the question called life.

Aaron

Future Memories

It is cold outside the hard shell of my heart
I am forever lonely and forever alone
I sit in the ice covered field waiting
I am lost with no one to find me
I am strong, but perhaps not strong enough
I told them what to expect
I had warned them of the terrible danger
It is a pity that they refused to listen
I left them to their fate
I left with my heart wrapped against loss
It didn't help me to know I was right
They are all gone and I am alone
Tears will not help me in this cold place
They will just freeze to my pale face
Just as my knowledge freezes my heart.
I am the lost, the lonely, and I am the last.
I am what is left of humankind.

Donna Walker

Old Flame

There is a flame
that once burned within me
Hot as a fire
Yet cold as the night
filled with passionate desire.
Nothing ever felt so right.

Now it's gone
But the smoke is still--
burning, burning
And no matter how hard I try
I'm still--
yearning, yearning
to feel the fire.

Jamie Sabuda

Winter Comes

Winter comes
and winter goes
while I wait
it always snows.

I stand alone
in a field of white
there is no one
in my sight.

I feel the chill
I feel the cold
I feel the winter
I stand alone.

Winter comes
and winter goes
while I wait
it always snows.

Jimmy Stamper

Art Club Front Row: Kacy DeKock, Crystal Wireman, Jen Thomason, Elizabeth King, Jessy Stueben. Row 2: Tara Bauman, Ericka Dreesen, Miki Banjura, Amy Musch, Nicole Whitney, Kim Culbreth, Kristen Cambe. Row 3: Liz Strutz, Katie Martin, Misty Orcutt, Laurie Bennett, Mandy Dewar, Tommi Cook, Shannon Pettit, Randy Allen. Back Row: Melissa Hatfield, Joyce Woolwine, Daryl Ackerman, Suzanne Walstra, Dan DeFries, Dave Ahbring, Jennifer Ovlawski, Chris Heide, Rich Sears.

Pen; ink discover In house artists

"Mirage offers a means of expression."

Mrs. Miller

MIRAGE offers a place for aspiring artists, photographers and writers to express themselves. Entitled A MIRAGE OF WORDS AND IMAGES, the 74 page magazine included numerous works by Ray Gross, Donna Walker, Tabitha Coffer, and Dan Nannenga who also designed the cover which depicted a prowling cougar in a desert. MIRAGE was dedicated to retiring Superintendent Iran Floyd. It was sponsored by Mrs. Miller whose dedication kept the magazine alive after the fire set back its print schedule six weeks.

Also effected by the fire was the Art Club whose members saw some of their works destroyed by the water. Undaunted by the experiences, the club, led by Ms. Benham, enjoyed their spring outing in Chicago.

After a morning viewing the artistry of Buckingham Fountain, the Palmer House, the Tribune building and the Art Institute, members enjoyed pizza and grafetti at Geno's East before boarding the train and riding home on the South Shore.

Mirage: Front Row: Ericka Dreesen, Jen Thomason, Angela Padol, Jennifer Schurman, Jennifer Oslawski. Back Row: Jessica Stueben, Jamie Sabuda, Melissa Hatfield, Mandy Dewar, Tommi Cook, Davonne Abbring, Chris Heide, Rich Sears.

SLEEPLESS CAFFINE DRUNKENESS

Oh poetry! instead of sleep.
I stand in snow knee deep,
And I'm cold.
Oh poetry! instead of
clothes
And lyrics hanging in my
eyes:
Oh poetry! instead of lies.
Oh poetry! that tries
To see for me.
And poetry that tries
To speak honestly, clearly,
for me.
And rhymes that keep me
up real late.
I ate no food--I ate--
Poetry.

Ray Gross

Voted Most Artistic by the senior class Amy Stepanek and Daryl Ackerman await their newspaper photo.

Aimee Nannenga, Jen Kramer, Valerie Hamstra, Jen Prosser, Chris DeVries, Mrs. Zacher and Amanda Dunlap join for a BPOA dinner picture.

Gathering for a snapshot for their photo album are Dawn Albertson, Lisa Albertson, Karin Haan, Kathy Buche, Jen Prosser, Carrie Beal, Dottie Allen, Amber Allen, Hilary Molchan and Tina Zulaski.

Enjoying the annual BPOA dinner, at Holly's Restaurant, members await awards.

BPOA members: "We mean business"

"Business is the basis for a successful household budget."

BPOA has been very active. They held a car wash in DeMotte, participated in the fall carnival, held the spring banquet and a pizza party. They sold candy bars, and they had a Fall Membership drive. They also did the Homecoming float.

Members of BPOA went to different places during the months of Jan., March, April and May. They went to the District contest in Indianapolis. Some of the BPOA members such as Angie Schuttz won 1st place for Business Knowledge Skills, and Jenny Prosser won 4th place. Jenny Prosser won 5th place to Proofreading and Editing. Angie Schuttz won 6th place.

BPOA members went to the National Leadership Conference. The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pointing out the importance of a good secretary, Jen Prosser enlightens her club mates at the annual BPOA dinner.

BPOA. Front Row: Karin Haan, Amanda Dunlap, Mrs. Zacher, Jorie Kramer and Aimee Nannenga. Second Row: Shannon Pettit, Sarsh Hart, Jamie Sabuda and Ellen Misch. Third Row: Amber Allen, Jen Batinich, Shannon Sipkema and Ann Mikolajczak. Back Row: Angie Schuttz, Roberta Shirkey, Diane Watson and Erica Coleman.

Variety sparks Computer Club involvement as members use after school hours to hone game skills. Implementing Mr. Ladd's advice were Mike Peo, Matt Norris, and Dave Crevision.

Media Club. Front row—Amy Chester, Lisa MacDonald, Josh Lineberry, Bonnie Peterson. Back row—Randy Allen, Heather Marshall, Tomi Cook, Nathanial Lineberry, Lauren Fritts.

Eagerly anticipating his opponents next move, Kenny Abbring braces himself.

Center helpers function as hubs

"Learning to run equipment and using computers are real assets in being computer/library assistant." *Becky Burkhart*

Media Club members check books in and out, file books, and help other students find books, newspapers and magazines. They also help students use the computers as well as delivering and picking up audio visual equipment.

"The importance of the Media Club is that it is the Hub of the school because no one can graduate without using its services sometime throughout his/her high school career," said Media Center Secretary, Mrs. Sanders.

Media Club is made up of the hourly assistants whose hands on experience may provide future jobs as a librarian or a librarian aide. A 1994 graduate used her experience as a media assistant to become a librarian aide on her college campus.

Media Club met regularly. During meetings members planned a Christmas party at which the club provided the assistants with sandwiches from Subway. Assistants brought snacks and desserts to compliment the sandwiches. Although the party was scheduled for before the Christmas break, it was rescheduled for Valentine's Day due to the absence of the club's sponsor. They also planned a trip to Medieval Times in late April.

At their first meeting, they elected the following officers, President: Becky Burkhart; Vice-president: Lauren Fritts; Secretary: Bonnie Nannenga; Treasurer: Nathaniel Lineberry; and Student Council Representative: Amy Chester.

Computer Club played games during the four lunch periods. One of the games was *Doom* in which the players fought against each other in a battle to become champion. Officers included: President: Tim Jones and Student Council Representative: Kevin Silverthorne. There were 47 members of the club.

Selecting a book, Peggy Lloyd benefits from the sharp organization skills of Media Club restackers.

Computer Club: Front Row—Mr. Ladd, Nick Spriggs-Hall, Jon Parker, Stacy Scholl, Row 2—Ben Duttlinger, Joseph Malocha, Ryan Russel, Robert Schanlaub, Back Row—Adam Woolever, Jared Arnett, Bryan Nannenga, Kevin Silverthorne, Kevin Kamminga, Adam Hoffman.

Among the damage in the auditorium is the Baby Grand Piano valued at approximately $10,000

Dealing with the issue at hand, artist and dramatist Amy Stepanek paints the temporary wall put up for the construction.

As a result of the fire, Wally Kendal, Joey Knutson, Adam Shelton, and Adam Woolever rehearse for the spring musical, Lil' Abner, in the cafeteria.

Abner enthralls spring audience

"It was a lot harder because we didn't have the stage, it pulled the members together, and they worked harder." Jared Arnett.

From destroyed pianos to displaced classrooms, the music program, and the spring musical, the March 1 fire effected much more than the smoldering couch and cigarette which started it all.

"The stage was totally destroyed so we had to move our program to the cafeteria which wasn't the most convenient place because we had to rearrange tables, set up and take down lights, and the set every night," said Keri Spurgeon.

Hardest hit was when the Lil' Abner cast members were scheduled to have vocal workshops. Auditions in the following week were held in the lecture hall and then they began rehearsals in the front hallway by the library. When they moved to the cafeteria, they had to struggle with moving the tables for every rehearsal and the constant stream of people coming to buy items from the vending machines.

In addition to the destruction of the stage was the loss of the wardrobe area. With none of the costumes or props available anymore, they had to gather all the necessary tools from scratch. Drama members had to pick up rental lights in Chicago on the vacation day after Easter. Piper and Loni scoured through Community Theatre Guild's costumes at the Opera House and everyone looked through their rag bags to find just the right costume. They struggled through the loss of several people from the cast for various reasons, which necessitated Mr. Ladd joining the cast once again and virtually everyone assuming multiple roles.

Pit Band, which consisted of Kevin Getz and Kendra DeVries—Violin, Sarah Windlow —Woodwinds, Mary Ahrendt—Brass, Mr. McCarthy—Percussion, and Mrs. Tiemens—keyboard, had to play behind the set instead of below the stage.

Seeing the sky was not part of the play, it was the aftermath of the fire which destroyed the stage on March 1.

On the temporary stage located in the cafeteria, Adam Woolevei and Sarah Flory sing "The Country and the Very Best of Hands."

Refusing to agree with the scientist in Lil' Abner, Angela Padol, Samantha Boone, Keri Spurgeon, Hallie Apple, Chris Hoffman, and Sarah Kreiser sing "Put 'em Back."

Finishing the "Speak up Mambo," Tricia Stuhblefield, Amy Stepanek, Kris Hoffman, Becky Fox, Jessica Holobowski, Nicki Walstra, and Tina Penanen strike a pose.

Drama Club: Front Row—Amber Schreiner, Stephene Moyer, Mandy Apple, Kathy Buche, Sarah Flory, Ryan Russel, Amy Stepanek, Jared Arnett, Jamie Sahuda, Bonnie Peterson, Angela Padol, Jennifer Thomason, Jennifer Yankey. Row 2—Aimee Beougher, Stacy Scholl, Tara Bauman, Keri Spurgeon, Jason Bakker, Adam Woolever, Tim Wells, Sherry Whitford, Beth Strong, Andrea Summers, Mr. Ladd Row 3—Eric Ruisward, Ambica Serocinski, Christie Kaminski, Hallie Apple, Kara Zylstra, Kris Hoffman, Ann Mikolajczak, Joe Bartlett, Katie Oatis, Sara Kreisher, Tricia Stuhblefield

Student Directors Become Leaders

In spite of a small crowd, the Winter Drama Festival went on to be a very entertaining evening. The directors who lead this talented cast were Jared Arnett, Samantha Boone, Sarah Flory, Ryan Russel, and Amy Stepanek. It is important to have student directors because they get to experience leading and working with other students.

Winter Drama Fest consisted of six plays. It started out with a dance called the Muscrat Ramble. Then it moved on to a story of a baby that was being coached on how to be a baby. After that there was the Speak up Mambo, which was another dance. Following an intermission, there was a musical medley made up of five songs. Before the grand finale, was the play called, The Crazy, Mixed-up Island of Doctor Moreau. It was an exciting tale of a doctor who wanted to be in charge of everything. At the end of the evening there was a memorable dance from the movie Robin Hood: Men in Tights.

"I truly love the directing and doing the choreography. While it was a busy time, as usual, I loved making my ideas come to life in spite of the stress. I hope my casts enjoyed working with me and I hope the audience enjoyed all the hard work," said Amy Stepanek.

"At first I did not think anything would work out, with students having to take directions from the student directors. However, in the end it is amazing how it turns out so well. It was a fun and interesting experience," said Becky Chase.

"Working on Winter Drama Fest was both fun and beneficial. It gave me the chance to show off my talents while gaining experience. When I try out for future plays, I'll have a better chance at getting a part," said Kara Zylstra.

"I think that Winter Drama Fest was a very enjoyable learning experience. We all learned how to work with student directors, which they did an excellent job," said John Bell.

Below Left: Adam Woolever and Jared Arnett relax after the cast party

After an exciting Winter Drama Fest, Dave Wells and Amanda Roorda discuss her theatrical performance.

Thespians: Front row—Kathy Buche, Kris Hoffman, Jared Arnett, Amy Stepanek, Sarah Flory, Samantha Boone, Row 2—Mandy Apple, Amber Schreiner, Ryan Russell, Angela Padol, Jamie Sabuda, Stephene Moyer, Jennifer Thomason, Jennifer Yankey, Row 3—Stacy Scholl, Kara Zylstra, Adam Woolever, Ann Mikolajczak, Tim Wells, Dave Wells, Becky Chase, Row 4—Mr. Ladd, Jason Bakker, Kendra DeVries, Hallie Apple, Sherry Whitford, Dana Clark, Rebedda Fox

Jared Arnett and Dustin Schoonveld relax at the fishing hole.

Forcing their son to take the tonic, Becky Chase and Ryan Russel talk to Adam Woolever.

Posing as a man, Sarah Flory talks about her four dollar wedding.

Li'l Abner performance Proves a success

"It was the perfect play to do in the cafeteria. It brought the best and the worst out of all of us." Amber Schreiner.

Spring Musical, Li'l Abner, was presented in an unusual place, the cafeteria. Despite the inconvenience of setting up and taking down the stage, the play was a success. It all began in the small town of Dogpatch, USA.

Dogpatch has a country inspired setting, that has an old-fashioned way of doing things. The conflict in the play began when senator Jack S. Phogbound, played by Mr. Mark Ladd, tells the townspeople that the town will soon be used for nuclear testing. As all of the townspeople look for a way to save the town, Earthquake McGoon, played by Jason Bakker, looks for a way to capture the heart of Daisy Mae Scraggs, played by Amy Stepanek.

Daisy Mae had ideas of her own to catch Abner Yokum, played by Adam Woolever, at the Sadie Hawkins Day race. Yet to make it harder for Daisy Mae, Abner had lost all of his desire for female companionship because of the Yokumberry tonic that his mother, Mammy, played by Becky Chase, made him take.

General Bullmoose, played by Jared Arnett, tries with unsuccessful attempts to get the formula for Yokumberry tonic. Meanwhile, General Bullmoose finds out that outsiders can join the race, so he gets Appassionata Von Climax, played by Amber Schreiner, to join and catch Abner to bring him to Washington. Daisy Mae and Mammy planned that if Earthquake helps to save Abner, Daisy Mae will marry him. Earthquake agrees and goes to Washington.

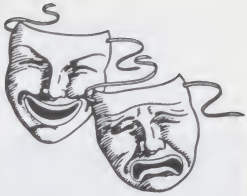
While he is there, General Bullmoose reveals his plot to kill Abner. Abner and Earthquake leave to go home to safety.

At Earthquake and Daisy Mae's wedding, Earthquake gets talked out of getting married just as Abner tries to stop the wedding. Abner then shares his feelings about Daisy Mae and Earthquake decides to give Daisy Mae to Abner since they love each other. Just as they are getting married, Dr. Finsdale, played by Samantha Boone, stops the wedding to resume evacuation of the town. The townspeople say that they will not go without their statue of Jubilation T. Cornpone, a war hero. As they try to take it with them, they realize that it is a national shrine and canot be destroyed. In the end, the wedding continues, and Abner and Daisy Mae get married, and everyday life goes on as usual.

"It was a little odd doing the show in the cafeteria, but the cast really pulled together. We did a lot of things ourselves, finding alternatives for what we didn't have. I personally enjoyed playing a man, and I think the cast as a whole had fun," said Sarah Flory.

"Li'l Abner was so far the most exciting play I have been in, and others have commented the same for themselves, and I think that, even though we didn't have an auditorium, we worked hard to put together a great show. Sometimes, we in the cast would wonder, 'Would it have been any different or better with the auditorium?'

We became a huge family, being that we had our good times and we had our bad times, which we usually were able to make sure it didn't ruin our performances. We received our reward, it was the audience with their applause, laughter, and other emotions. They made it special to us. To all of you who saw it, we thank-you. We really appreciate it," said Becky Chase.



Amy Stepanek and Adam Woolever perform "Namely You."

Lifters gain focus In sports arena

"With the lifters, we can perform a lot more difficult stunts and be safer." Shanna Maple

Varsity Cheerleaders (Ft. row) Melissa Banks, Shanna Maple, (2nd row) Shannon Stowers, Natalie Sark, Amanda Lucas, (3rd row) Lisa Albertson, Amy Stepanek, Dawn Albertson, (Bk. row) Tom Rusk, Tim Pogue, Mike Peo, Scott Pendergrass, Ryan Armstrong, Andrew Slatton

Trying to pep up the crowd, Natalie Sark shouts "Give me a K"

"Gimme a 'K' echoed in the ears of spectators during sports activities. Cheerleading season started out in June when all 22 girls attended the Universal Cheerleader's Camp at Purdue University where they competed each night against other Indiana schools.

Varsity squad received the trophy for best all around Varsity squad. Junior Varsity squad won the trophy for most improved Junior Varsity squad. Freshmen took home the trophy for their division in best cheer and chant. "It was a great week for learning, enjoying new experiences, and making new acquaintances," said Head Coach Rhonda Hester.

Freshmen squad attended and cheered at 45 games. Junior Varsity cheered at 44 games and the Varsity cheered at 43 games. Both the Varsity and the Junior Varsity squads cheered and supported the girls basketball team at five games. Varsity squad continued to travel with the girl's team throughout the sectional and regional games.

"The addition of seven male lifters has really been an asset to the already talented Varsity squad," said Coach Rhonda Hester. "The male lifters gave our squad a lot to work with, but for the most part it was worth it. I loved receiving compliment after compliment from other squads about the male lifters," said Natalie Sark. The school sponsors one of the few coed squads in the state of Indiana. No matter where they are performing, they attract a lot of attention because of their college level ability. When asked, Shanna Maple said, "With the lifters, we can perform a lot more difficult stunts and be safer. They have drawn more attention to the cheerleaders and have made them more enjoyable to watch." The squad has achieved stunts that even colleges find hard to accomplish."

Throughout the course of the year, the cheerleaders planned lots of events. During Sectionals and Homecoming the girls painted windows throughout the town. They planned pep sessions and led the class competition in cheering.

In the fall, they put together a large pep session that was open to the public and welcomed Mr. Hamilton back.

The girls sponsored two mini - camps which taught younger girls cheers, chants, and dances to perform at a home game.

From their role model involvement with children, to their support of athletics, the cheerleaders were a constant plus in the spirit of KV.

Concentrating on the lift, Shanna Maple uses strength to keep her balance.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: (Ft. row) Sasha Belstra, Charleen Johnston, (2nd row) Ann Tuohy, Jenn Peo, Danielle Pierson, (3rd row) Suzi Drzik, Kari Deardorff

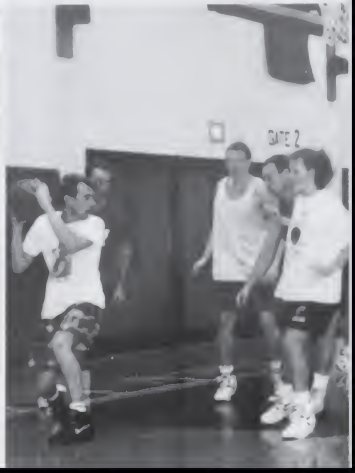
Freshmen Cheerleaders: (Ft. row) Jerilyn Sherman, Stacy Zeilenga, (Bk. row) Stephanie Cochran, Jennifer Trock, Tara Sutton.

Amy Stepanek helps the girls from Cheerleading Camp to remember their cheer.

Cheerleaders show their spirit during the Homecoming Parade in DeMotte.

After a long day of skating with the FCA Club members, Mrs. Steiner, Johanne Jarvis, Jennifer Thomenson, Cindy Odle, Paula Zandstra, Missy Peo, Tara Bauman, and Mrs. Moolenaar take a break.

While awaiting their turn on the court to show the teachers what they can do, Amy Howard, Margret Strain, Melissa Schoonveld, Rachel Knip, Gail Ooms, Charlie Finney, and Billy DeKock watch their teammates.



At the Teachers versus the Varsity Club game, Brent Dynewski looks for a teammate to whom to pass the basketball.

Clubs overpower with humane spirit

"Supporting the major health problems of Erik Ramage, Mark Hamilton and Andrea Hyatt made members feel needed." Gail Ooms.

"After all the tragedies that have occured, we still remain a school full of spirit," said Jennifer Peo.

At the beginning of the school year, Varsity Club and FCA had fund raisers to support the swim coach Mr. Hamilton and his family. After Erik Ramage was injured in a car accident on December 21, Varsity Club sold T-shirts to help defray hospital expenses. They also backed the walkathon for Erik, and supported a cash drive for lung recipient Andrea Hyatt.

Due to the March fire, the Sectional pep session on March 2 was rescheduled for 7 pm at Wheatfield Elementary. The community pep session was designed to raise student spirit about the sectional game and to give a glimpse of hope over the fire damaged school. To encourage the basketball team to do their best, Spirit Club also painted the team of De-Motte with school colors.

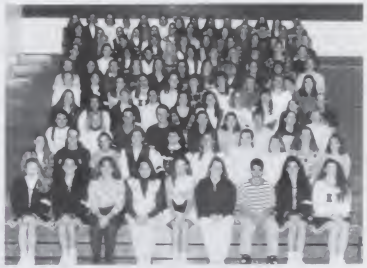
FCA kept students busy by going to a Pacers game in the fall and ice skating in the winter. FCA officers also took an additional trip to a convention to keep the FCA club at our school. "If we would not have gone, there would be no FCA at the school," said Tim Jones, FCA's planning committee chair.

Teachers were the victors at the Varsity Club versus the teachers game. Varsity Club seniors showed determination to give the teachers a hard time.

Fellowship Christians Athletes. Front Row—Gail Ooms, Staci Sylsma, Tim Pogue, Mandy Appenr, Andy Spenner, Amy Hoogen, Jason Kozak, Brook Spurgeon, Kari Myers, Jacque Cassie, Mr. Harper. Row 2—Brett Boezeman, Tim Pogue, Melissa Schoonveld, Curtis, Tachinski, Tracy Smith, Simon Bollin, Margaret Strain, Kevin Silverthorne, Brian Mitch, Bonnie Nannenga. Row 3—Charles Finney, Nesha Belsitz, Keri Spurgeon, Tim Sampson, Kevin Till, Aaron English, Ben Dustlinger, Josh Jungels, Jennifer Schuringer. Row 4—Jamie Mason, Tanya, Stevens, Eric Cavanaugh, Billy DeKock, Lance Hicks, Jason Sons, Mindy Owens, Heidi Gundersen. Row 5—Kate Armstrong, Craig Robbins, Bruce Przybylski, Kevin Kammuinga, Andrew Slatton, Michelle Tillman, Jamie Hornick. Row 6—Tiffany Bell, Dusty Hamonic, Debbie Kammuinga, Shelly Recker, Katharine, Kucharik, Rachel Knip, Tyler Martin, Karen Haan. Row 7—Barb Yaeger, Adam Hollman, Amanda Hodges, Molly Gaulin, Jan Hart, Dawn Albertson, Lisa Albertson, Angela Baker, Melissa Stamper. Row 8—Jeff Hicks, Craig Hinsdale, Kelly Dunn, Shannon Potts, Dave Andree, Nicole Whitney, Amy Mitsch, Sarah Hart, Andy Terbing, Back Row—Tim DeKock, Jason Kowalczyk, Harvey Nannenga, Crystal Wolfman, Jim Krug, Dana Dorn, Sarah Kilkelly.

Fellowship Christian Athletes. Front Row—Gail Ooms, Rachel Knipe, Kari Deardorff, Staci Dorn, Jenny Kaiser, Jason Till, Bill Pogue, Gail Ooms, Mr. Harper. Row 2—Tim Dorn, Row 3—Kate Deardorff, Yolanda Hall, Mike Sattenspiel, Danny Kuntzman, Jason Dorn, Brad Stevens, Heidi, Angela Tolmer, Angelea, Anthony. Row 4—Kate Dorn, Brad Fitts, Timothy Hollis, Steph Schuringer, Jill Vander Woude, Kelly Eurika, Kristen, Kristen. Row 5—Dustin Wright, Kelly, Maureen Mike, Bahnerth, Scott Hinderliter, Sarah Hinkelbein, Lisa Grove, Elizabeth Kaiser, Melissa Gentry. Row 6—Jason Gibb, Ruth Myers Hanson, Christchand, Jenny Grover, Jon Wilson, Nicole, Brian Sara Kerstecker. Row 6—Kyle Hamby, Dave Hamonic, Chris Scott, Jason Vande Woude, Jill Spurgeon, Erik Kozak, Kyle Harmeyer. Row 7—Doug Rudell, Darren Brace, Tim Gaulin, Nathaniel Wilson, Mr. Hunter.

Varsity Club: Front row: Tim Jones, Staci Sylsma, Charles Finney, James Broyles, Gail Ooms, Lacey Smith, Andy Spenner, Kari Myers. Row 2—Brett Boezeman, Tim Pogue, Keri Spurgeon, Melissa Schoonveld, Richard Tillema, Simon Bollin, Magaret Strain, Amy Howard, Kevin Silverthorne. Row 3—Jeff Sampson, Dave Dase, Kevin T.F., Chris Ritchie, Aaron English, Ben Dutlinger, Jodi Jungels. Row 4—Scott Lacey, Chris Cavanaugh, Mike Bahnerth, Kyle Martin, Billy DeKock, Tyler Martin, Angelee Abbring. Row 5—Tiffany Bell, Chris Sanders, Ryan Armstrong, Craig Robbins, Bruce Przybylski, Kevin Kamminga, Andrew Slatton. Back row—Katie Deardorff, Amanda Hall, Rachel Kaper, Shelly Recker, Brook Kozak, Mike Nannenga, Rachel Knip.



Spirit. Front Row—Amanda Lopez, Lisa Albertson, Brooke Kozak, Sara [illegible], Char Lowering, Becky Chase, Scott Lacey, Dawn Albertson, Melissa Banks. Row 2—Mindy Owens, Jason Sons, Nicole Whitney, Mel Schoonveld, Lisa Parker, Bonnie Nannenga, John Kramer, Laura Fox, Amy VanSchepen, Tracie Stobbelstedt. Row 3—Crystal Wolfman, Kacy DeKock, Billy DeKock, Mike Self, Jamie Sabada, Jessica Holubowsky, Adam Shelton, Nicole O Bryan, Becky Fox. Row 4—Lynn Stallmann, Mario Aranbulla, Sasha Belsitz, Jason Smith, Holly Bristol, Melanie Jenkinson, Megan Gentry, Lisa MacDonald, Amy Chester, Nathaniel Wall. Row 5—Katie Oates, Tracy Gray, Ann Tuohy, Jen Peo, Cassie Inman, Amber Kahal, Kim Ruth, Trevor Sorba, Kate Deardorff, Susan Hinde. Row 6—Val Williams, Angie Karch, Jenny Evans, Amanda Hall, Steph Sims, Steph Hyatt, Nicole Eustston, Rachel Bryant, Sari Dorn, Katie Deardorff, Kyle Hamstra. Row 7—Nick Spriggs, Hall, Jennifer Wains, Jenny Tuck, Jeff Garves, Janet Boon, Brianna, Keiser, Jenifer Sherman, Tonya Hays, Amy Schultz, Tim Eustston, Dave Hamonic. Row 8—Doug Rudell, Nicole, Zabita, Heather, Hode, Stacy, Gallinger, Kristen Combs, Sarah Hucklebay, Moya, Wall, Lori Stallmann, Billy Sears, Justin Schulz. Row 9—Jim Delvecchio, Debra Howard, Mindy Mattingly, Tara Sutton, Steph Cochran, Kiki Kirkelewski, Jillian Borreca, Scarlet, Dextres, Natalie Gordon, Erik Ramage, Scott Altman, Jacob Slattery, Mike Boyell, Back Row—Lisa Grove, Martina Hopper, Dana Watson, Raynie Tl, Andy Mulkell, Elisha Bartnicka, Beth Strong, Tricia Cusick, Anna Aranbulla, Jenny Forbes, Aimee Mitsch, Jamie Tomsberry, Bridget Scott, Erik Corner.

Seeing Saint Louis "Western Style" Larry Evers, Steve Peterson, and Ben Duttlinger round out their senior trip in souvenir hats.

FFA Front: Mr. Inman, Steve Koselke; Ryan Rients, Tim Misch, Simon Bollin, Dave Duttlinger, Amanda Dunlap (not pictured). FFA Officers, Back: Cameron Bales, Josh Armstrong, Helen Hicks, Steve Peterson, Ben Duttlinger, Troy Martin, Larry Evers, Aaron Klemp, Cassie Inman, Ryan Magdos, Sean Murray.

Serving oranges, juice, eggs, pancakes and biscuits and gravy, Tim Misch and Ryan Rients recognize teachers during National FFA Week

"Farmer" image dispelled by name

"The FFA is a quality organization with contest that build leadership skills and teaches how to communicate with others around you. It is also lots of fun with all the trips we take," said Steve Peterson.

Changing their name from FFA to the National FFA Organization was just one way the major national agriculture organization in the United States tried to dispel their "farmer" image. "FFA has a great deal to do with leadership and not only farming," said Mr. Inman, the group adviser.

Throughout the year, awards were earned and honors bestowed on club members. Outstanding Project Award for the Best Supervised Agricultural Experience went to Larry Evers for his project on Dairy Production. Outstanding Officer awards were presented to Chapter President Ben Duttlinger, Chapter Secretary Amanda Dunlap, and Chapter Treasurer Dave Duttlinger. Ben Duttlinger was recognized with an officer symbol for serving as the District I Vice President. Star Greenhand Award went to Helen Hicks. Cassie Inman earned the Star Chapter Farmer Award for a member who held a chapter FFA Degree.

DeKalb Award for the outstanding senior based on leadership, scholarship and agriculture project records was presented to Ben Duttlinger. Mental Attitude Award for the overall member with the best attitude went to Amanda Dunlap. Scholarship Awards for Agriculture and Horticulture classes went to Laura Norris, Steve Koselke, Dave Duttlinger, and Steve Peterson.

Agricultural projects earned proficiency awards from the National FFA Foundation. Ben Duttlinger was the chapter and district winner in the area of Agricultural Processing. Chapter winner and placing second in the District in Beef Production was Ben Duttlinger.

Amanda Dunlap and Cassie Inman received the 50 Plus Award for selling more than 50 cases of fruit. In Forestry judging, Dave Duttlinger, Larry Evers, Steve Koselke and Steve Peterson received pins for placing first in the Area Contest. Dave Duttlinger also received a plaque for placing as the Top Individual in the Area Contest.

For District Greenhand Contests, eight members were recognized. Helen Hicks and Cassie Inman placed first in the Quiz Bowl Contest. Laura Norris placed first in the Creed Speaking contest. Placing second in the chapter meeting contest using Parliamentary procedure were Cameron Bales, Jonathan Hart, Helen Hicks, Cassie Inman, Steve Koselke, Jeff Misch, Sean Murray and Laura Norris.

At District Leadership, five members excelled. Steve Koselke placed first in Treasurer's book. Amanda Dunlap placed first in scrap book and third in the Horticulture Demonstration contest. Ben Duttlinger placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking, and third in Leadership and Job Interview. Dave Duttlinger and Ryan Rients placed third in Ag Sales Demonstration.

In Chapter competition Sarah Flory received a plaque for being crowned chapter Sweetheart. Laura Norris and Helen Hicks won firsts in Creed Speaking and Demonstration, respectively.

As a group, FFA went on many trips. For their national convention, they joined 30,000 teens in Kansas City. Senior members took a trip to St. Louis. While in St. Louis they visited the Gateway Arches, Anheuser Busch company, the John Deere plant, and Case IH combine company. They also took a trip to Kent Feeds in Iowa where they toured through a research lab. When asked what they thought of the senior trip, Ben Duttlinger said, "This was the best trip we took so far." Steve Peterson added, "It was a lot of fun having all the senior FFA members together for one last time."

After winning the Sweetheart Contest, Sarah Flory poses with escort Ben Duttlinger.

After livestock judging competition, Helen Hicks, Cam Bales, and Laura Norris take a break on the lower limb of an old tree.

After a long day of competition, Holly Estill takes a break to watch TV.

Showing off the FHA bulletin board is Vice President Miki Banjura.

Taking a little time out of their meeting, Stephanie Solich clowns around.

FHA/HERO takes Exciting adventure

"I had a great group of dedicated members! Through the year they learned it takes hard work and dedication to complete a project well." Ms. Schroeder.

In addition to state competition FHA/Hero accomplished many new and exciting experiences. One of the things they accomplished was to raise money for Mr. Hamilton through a Bowl-A-Thon. Five members also got to go to the state FHA/HERO convention.

Members spent long hours during FHA week making the Hug Bugs, Buckle Hugs, the teacher packs, the valentine packs for the little kids, and selling their suckers. All these things were to be given out to the student body and staff. The goal for this week was to get the student body involved and aware of FHA.

FHA/Hero also made fruit baskets for shut-ins. This was to give a little warmth and love to those who could not get out during the holidays.

Their biggest achievement was that five of the members went to state FHA/Hero convention in Indianapolis. All five girls came home with medals for their proficiency event projects. When asked how they liked their trip, Chris Hofferth said, "I had lots of fun. We got to meet new people and experience new things. I think the best thing was trying to squeeze five girls into one tiny bathroom to get our hair and makeup done, and get down to our meetings on time. That was unreal." Holly Estell said, "At first we were dreading going, because we didn't know what to expect, but once we got there we were glad we went." Tana Patton, Danielle McMunn, and Monica Tipton added, "Our trip was really fun. I especially liked meeting new people and doing things that I never had done before." From the drive down, to the drive home the girls had a whole new experience.

Monica Tipton, Holly Estill, and Tana Patton won gold medals for their child care learning pack. Danielle McMunn and Chris Hofferth won bronze medals for the club scrap book. The whole FHA/Hero Club won an award for extending their membership from last year. The member of the year award went to Danielle McMunn. Officer of the year award went to Chris Hofferth.

Between proficiency events Monica Tipton, Chris Hofferth, Tana Patton, Holly Estill, and Danielle McMunn rally for a victory shot at the state convention.

Future Homemakers of America (FHA) Front: Holli Estill, Danielle McMunn, Miki Banjura, Erica Coleman, Shannon Salyers. Row 2: Laurie Bennett, Tana Patton, Monica Tipton. Back Row: Ms. Schroeder, Kristi Wagner, Nicki Peo.

Foreigners step Into the Valley

"I am here because I wanted to see new culture, to learn the language, and to meet new friends."

Joining K.V. tradition, Tina Pennanen participates in the popular powderpuff game.

Patiently awaiting for her next hour class, Michaela Kostelecka is wearing the latest American attire

Each year, students from all over the world travel to America to attend school. During their stay, they live with host families and are treated like a member of the family. Elena Mityaeva said, "I'm staying with DeKocks and I'm happy that I live with these people. I've found my new family in America. Tim DeKock reminds me of my Russian brother, Kacy is like a sister to me, and Pat and Henry love me and take care of me as if I were their own child. I couldn't even dream that I could be so lucky."

School in America is a lot different than in other countries. Michaela Kostelecka said, "In my school at home we can't choose classes that we want. We have a stable schedule which we get from our principal. The only classes we can choose are foreign languages. Also, we don't have clubs and sports at school. We can take them after school as an after school activity in our city."

For Tina Pennanen school is very different. Tina said, "In Finland, we have a nine year comprehensive school. After that we can decide where to go. We can choose whether we want to attend high school or vocational school. Then there are colleges just like here. All in all, school is more fun here. School sports and games were a new experience to me, like pep sessions and all that stuff. I had a lot of fun in the powder puff game."

When the students were asked how they liked their stay in America and if they had anything else to say, their replies were, Marika Vourinen from Finland said, "Staying here for a year was wonderful. I liked it because I got to see many places. School was good. The teachers were helpful, and the students were so nice. When I have to go home, I'm really going to miss all my friends and my host family."

Claus Nielsen frm Denmark said, "This year has been great, and I owe it all to the peple that I've met. I can't say that I've met anybody with a hostile attitude, and I think that's very special. Many thanks to everybody. I've truly enjoyed being an exchange student here."

Tina Pennanen from Finland said, "I have had lots of fun here in the United States and at KV. Thanks to everybody, and I hope to see you all sometime."

Michaela Kostelecka from the Czech Republic said, "For me staying in America, living with an American family, and knowing American people and their style of living is the best experience in my life. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to come here. I will never forget it."

Elena Mityaeva from Russia said, "I had a good time here. I think I will never have such a great experience in my whole life. I probably won't have a chance to come back, but I will remember my host family, my new friends, and five happy months I spent in America."

Taking a break from dancing, Aaron Klemp, Claus Nielson, and Paula McIntire pose for a picture which will keep American memories alive for the Danish exchange student.

After completing her first week of school, Elena Mityaeva discusses the differences of her Russian art school and the American public school system.

Going down the slopes on a mountain in Finland, Marika Vourinen pauses to capture the breath taking view.

Decorated by Mrs. Masten's German class, a Christmas tree displayed the Christmas wishes of all the German students.

Riding a bicycle, Todd Skinner explores The Pulse of Life at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Todd participated in the field trip which was organized to view the international Christmas tree display.

Voices Cover Land

Talent, variety give languages special place in curriculum

Bonjour! Guten Tag! Hola! was heard at the Foreign Language Club meetings. Activities started during Homecoming week when they decorated windows in the town and sponsored a float in the Homecoming parade. In December they set out on a one and a half hour bus ride to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. On their way home, they stopped off in Crown Point to eat at Lous' Bon Appetit French Restaurant. Mrs. Carey said, "It was very interesting and educational. I think everyone enjoyed seeing how the other cultures decorate their Christmas trees, and almost everyone liked something about our lunch." Around Christmas they brought cheer to the Little Company of Mary Nursing Home by Christmas caroling.

To raise money they sponsored a number of activities. They sold and sponsored a cotton candy booth at the Mr. Hamilton Benefit Carnival before the Powder Puff game. They raffled off two dinner tickets, a $20 gift certificate to the mall, and two movie passes. They were supposed to put on a skit night that was open to the public, but because of the damage to the auditorium by the fire, they had to cancel the show.

Foreign language fundraisers paid off for member Ericka Dreesen who was chosen by Indiana University's Honors program to spend seven weeks in Germany. Ericka said, "I was thrilled to have been chosen because I have always wanted to go to Germany. I hope I will learn a lot about Germany's language and culture while I'm there."

The club was open to anyone who could speak a foreign language, or someone who is currently enrolled in a foreign language class, or someone who has already taken a foreign language for three years. Sponsor was Mrs. Carey, the French teacher. Officers for the club were President Miki Banjura, Vice President Brooke Kozak, Secretary Brooke Spurgeon, Treasurer Jan Hart, and Student Council Representative Kathryn Kucharik.

Miki Banjura said, "Being President of Foreign Language Club this year was a great experience. It was exciting to plan the events and help make it all happen."

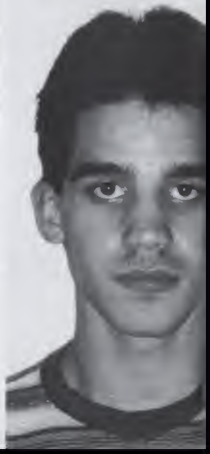
Surveying the fire devastation, Mrs. Carey attempts to salvage textbooks, computers and personal items from the water soaked wreckage. All three foreign language rooms were destroyed on March 1.

While driving the train in the Museum of Science and Industry, Heather Marshall, Barb Yaeger, Tomi Cook, Krissy Misch, and Todd Skinner dream of German, French, and Spanish destinations which they have discussed in class.

Foreign Language Club: Front Row: Brook Kozak, Brook Spurgeon, Miki Banjura, Jan Hart; Row 2: Laurie Bennett, Casey Inman, Melissa Howard, Laura Fox, Mrs. Carey (sponsor) Katherine Kucharik, Molly Gatlin, Amanda Lucas, Jacqui Cates, Lisa Albertson, Barb Yaeger, Dawn Albertson; Row 3: Aimee Beougher, Ambica Serocinski, Mary Ahrendt, Allison Fase, Elena Burnaska, Martina Plopper, Becky Fox, Tricia Stubblefield, Chris Sanders, Tiffany Yenchis, Bryan Sims, Shawna Orich; Row 4: Ray Gross, Angie Kareh, Jenny Trock, Katie Oatis, Chris Kaminski, Katie Deardorff, Jenny Brasel, Susan Hinde, Nick Spriggs-Hall, Missy Will,—, Amanda Koen; Row 5: Christie Bedwell, Amy VanSchepen, Lacey Smith, Shannon Kingma, Jamie Myers, Jenni McAtee, Tricia Cusak, Katie Martin, Joyce Woolwine, B.J. Moore, Jessy Stueben; Row 6: Holly Henson, Connie Butler, Angie Shultz, Melanie Jonkman, Holly Bristol, Jen Batinich, Sarah Opolski, Tomi Cook, Heather Marshall, Kris Misch, Melissa Stamper; Row 7: Lynn Stalbaum, Maria Arambula, Missy Peo, Hilary Molchan, Kris Hoffman, Stacy Scholl, Tara Bauman, Cindy Odle, Ann Mikolajczak, Heather Stueben, Greg Gorski, Shannon Sipkema; Row 8: Melissa Banks, Beth Jones, Lauren Smith, Charles Finney, Tim Pogue, Brett Boezeman, Billy Perkins, Nathan Mount, Jamie Grevenstuk, Molly Anthony, Ericka Dreesen.

Maintaining a positive attitude is a must for Interact members Joni Knip and Bryan Sims. Both seniors were named most positive by their classmates.

Interact — Front Row: Joni Knip, Sarah Hart, Bonnie Nannenga, Dana Dorn, Jen Thomason, Jennifer Yankey, Stephene Moyer. Row 2: Brian Mach, Amy Stepanek, Jeff Sampson, Angela Padol, Kari Myers, Kris Hoffman, Stacy Scholl, Jamie Sabuda. Not Pictured: Staci Sytsma.



Lending a listening ear is one factor for SADD member Scott Lacey.

Teens help teens Stay alive; drive

"I think SADD is a positive group for this school because it makes the students aware of the dangers caused by alcohol and drugs, especially at Prom and Graduation time." Brook Kozak

Conscience raising clubs SADD/PUSH and Interact joined forces under the leadership of Mrs. Price to encourage teens to "get involved" and stay "drug and alcohol free."

Just before Halloween, SADD members wrapped the school's trees with red ribbons and passed out ribbons to classmates and teachers as the world backed education in their quest to keep one more child out of the grasps of drugs and alcohol.

On December 21, Angela Padol donned the Grim Reaper outfit in an effort to encourage students not to drink or use drugs over the holiday weekend. By third hour, the very effective outfit was removed because classmates Todd Skinner and Erik Ramage had been involved in a tragic accident at the corner of 231 and 10. Reaper's activities had been a part of the national 3-D week as the country educated children about the Dangers of Drinks and Drugs.

Wrapping up the year, Sarah Kikkert designed a prom contract which required students to commit to not drink and drive. Banners flooded the main halls and Chrissy Sanders explicitly related drinking and driving statistics with gory details over the intercom before the release of school on May 19. All spring activities were in direct response to the national campaign entitled "Operation Pull Over," which pushed for more arrests and convictions of drunk drivers.

Interact, once a viable club, found its way to being "recommended" for disbandment due to a lack of interest. Instrumental in beginning the annual food drives, Interact sponsored three food drives for the local food pantry. A second fund raiser was for the Cambodian Mobile Library. The club raised $200 to help fund this project.

Getting involved and being committed were essential to both community supported clubs.

Tagged by the Grim Reaper (Angela Padol), Karen Jonkman represents a statistic for SADD's recognition of the increase in teen fatalities over the holidays.

SADD/PUSH—Front Row: Stephene Moyer, Mandy Apple, Angela Padol, Joni Knip, Amy Musch, Jeff Sampson, Staci Sytsma, Bonnie Nannenga, Suzanne Walstra. Row 2: Jennifer Schurman, Jamie Sabada, Sarah Flory, Chris Sanders, Sarah Hart, Dana Dorn, Nicole Whitney, Sarah Kikkert. Row 3: Kari Myers, Raimie T. Forehand, Jenny Trock, Kati Abbring, Kristi Swart, Sarah Huckaby, Brook Kozak, Brian Misch, Denell Bykerk. Back Row: Kyle Hamstra, Tim Coffer, Melissa Howard, Karin Haan, Michelle Tillett, Scott Lacey, Amy Stepanek, Kelly Dunn, Melissa Schoonveld, Mike Sell.

Grasping two south, Ray Gross shares his story with fellow journalists. Ray captured many hearts not only with his charm, but his artistic talents.

Visiting the San Diego Zoo was just one activity for journalists who attended the NSPA Convention in San Diego. Gathered around Boo are Melanie Meyer (yearbook), Val Tachtiris (newspaper), Kim Jakich (newspaper), Laura Fox (newspaper), Keri Spurgeon (yearbook), Allison Fase (newspaper), and Corine Tachtiris (newspaper).

Grasping a national Journalism Education First Prize, journalist Corine Tachtiris and Allison Fase proudly display the medals. Corine won first in sports writing and Allison captured a first in advertising design.

Journalists earn numerous awards

"Change inspires growth. From the fire to new computers, journalists experienced a diversity of change." Mrs. McKinney

From Jasper county to California, journalists were engulfed in experiences and competition.

Winning outstanding staffer awards, editor-in-chief Corine Tachtiris and business manager Allison Fase proved their Quill and Scroll Honor status at state and national competitions. At Franklin College, Allison Fase earned a first in ad design. The pair also won a Harvey award for their '94 indepth on Stress.

In April, the pair captured firsts in Sports writing and Ad Design at the national NSPA convention in San Diego.

Outstanding Staffer was won by Corine Tachtiris. Rookie of the year went to Leah Scharp and Becky Burkhart. For her outstanding journalism work and in recognition of her scholastic achievement, Laura Fox earned Quill and Scroll membership.

Newspaper staffers met many challenges over the year as the new Macintosh 6100's and the fire kept staffers constantly learning and growing as a result of change.

Changes that effected the layout of the paper included a new ad design and a new front page design. The front page design reflected a "teaser" format which depicted a large photo and two smaller photos with related stories inside.

Heading the staff was Corine Tachtiris whose hands on method of leadership helped all staff members to learn about journalism. Keeping the paper financially sound was the job of Allison Fase. Both staffers were in their third year.

Heading the Movie review section was third year veteran Cameron Scott.

Learning about life, investigating leads, learning how to survey and interview were required tasks for all staffers. Through it all some excellent stories bridged the gap between writer and reader. These included a feature on "Twins," an editorial on "harassment," an indepth on the effects of alcohol and another on diet.

Spirit Staff: Front Row: Laura Fox, Corine Tachtiris (editor), Ray Gross. Row 2: Leah Scharp, Jen Thomason, Nathaniel Lineberry, Kim Jakich, Cameron Scott, Back Row: Matt Gregory, Allison Fase (Business Manager).

Clowning around with Fred Flintstone, Kim Jakich captures the spirit of young journalists at the fall Indiana High School Press Association Convention at Franklin College.

Entertainment at the April 12 Induction Ceremony was provided by Sarah Flory and Amy Stepanek. The duo sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Amazing Grace."

Patiently waiting for the induction ceremony to begin, Sarah Windlow and Kara Zylstra share the sense of camaraderie.

The idea of becoming a member of the National Honor Society amuses junior John Kiersma as he reads over the list of the names of his fellow members.

Pupils work hard To gain initiation

"I enjoy being in National Honor Society because it gives the intellectuals at our school a chance to gain scholarships and just have fun." —Jessica Stueben

April 12 marked the annual induction of members into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. In order to obtain this honor, students must have had both a minimum grade point average of 3.7 and membership in at least two extra-curricular activities at school. The induction group was one of the largest groups to ever have been inducted.

The guest speaker at the induction was school superintendent Iran Floyd. It was Mr. Floyd's last year as superintendent.

Other highlights included lunch, which was catered by Tysen's, and musical entertainment. Sarah Flory and Amy Stepanek sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Amazing Grace" and were accompanied by Mandy Apple.

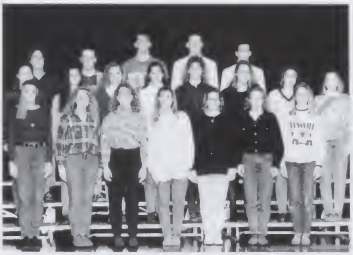
For some students, leading a group of future leaders was an enjoyable experience. Brook Spurgeon, the treasurer, said, "I really enjoyed being an officer, and I had fun working with Kari and the other officers. Although we didn't get all of the things accomplished that we wanted to accomplish, we have high aspirations for next year."

The importance of membership in the National Honor Society was expressed by many members as they studied diligently in order to attain the required 3.7 GPA. Brook Kozak said, "Being a member of NHS helps you to concentrate on your studies by requiring a certain grade point average and encourages other students to work hard in the hopes of obtaining membership."

Following the conclusion of the induction ceremony, Nicole Holst extinguishes the leadership candle.

National Honor Society—Front Row: Katherine Kucharik, Valerie Tachiris, Tara Bauman, Mandy Apple, Shannon Sipkema, Jacqui Cates, Corine Tachiiris. Row 2: Lacey Smith, Ericka Dreesen, Kris Hoffman, Stacy Scholl, Brook Kozak, Samantha Boone, Stacy Davidson, Jennifer Yankey, Jen Thomason. Row 3: Brooke Spurgeon, Michelle Tillet, Missy Peo, Kari Myers, Sarah Lynn Flory, Amy Stepanek, Bonnie Nannenga, Nicole Holst, Sarah Windlow, Mr. McAtee. Back Row: Shelly Recker, Allison Fase, Joni Knip, Kara Zylstra, Margaret Strain, Brian Misch, Harvey Nannenga, Jeff Sampson, Stephanie Deardorff, Joy Mervosh, Jessy Stueben.

Waiting for the pathfinders meeting to get started Gail Ooms and Staci Sytsma pass the time.



Peer Facilitation: Front Row—Karin Haan, Staci Sytsma, Brook Kozak, Bonnie Nannenga, Beth Knapik, Michelle Wallace, Sarah Flory Row 2—Jodi Jungels, Jan Hart, Dana Dorn, Lacey Smith, Rachel Knip, Stephanie Deardorff, Staci Davidson, Stephene Moyer Row 3—Jeremy Sterk, Jon Torrenga, Brian Misch, Jeff Sampson, Lance Stevens

Helping out at the benefit for Mr. Hamilton, Stephanie Deardorff runs the can smashing booth.

Students Help Solve Problems

"It's great to get together with a group of Christians." Tiffany Bell

Peer Facilitators are trained to be active listeners. They hold several evening sessions and meet as a group once a week. The peer facilitators are there to help students who need someone to talk to about things bothering them. Peer facilitators are not counselors. If they feel the student needs help beyond their ability, they refer them to the appropriate adult.

What a student tells a peer facilitator is kept in confidence unless there is a sense of danger and possible harm to someone. If a peer facilitator violates confidentiality, he or she is dropped from the program.

Peer Facilitators are also assigned to a specific person to work with, such as a new student. Sometimes they send notes of encouragement or congratulations to students.

Pathfinders provides an opportunity for self-evaluation through speakers, music, and videos. Kris Mann from Hillside Community Church in Crown Point, Tim Hester from Grace Fellowship in DeMotte, and Bill Green Hood came to challenge their lives and look inward. Messages, like those given by the singer Carmen, seem to be clearer when presented through music.

Pathfinders were involved in service efforts. They sold popcorn at the benefit carnival for Mr. Hamilton. They also donated money for a student breakfast. Pathfinders sold t-shirts to be able to continue to support the community through projects such as the Hamilton benefit.

"It's great to get together with another group of Christians and learn about how to live a life that will please God," said Tiffany Bell.

"I think it's great that Pathfinders is allowed in our school. I hope that prayer will be allowed in school outside of specialized clubs soon," said Paula Zandstra.

"Pathfinders is a great chance for Christians to have fellowship together and to learn more about God's plan for us," said Missy Peo.

Sr. Pathfinders. Front row—Mr. Hostetler, Amber Lynn Schreiner, Jamie Sabuda, Jon Torrenga, Jeremy Stark, Melissa Stamper, Mandy Apple, Sarah Lynn Flory, Sarah Hart, Shannon Pettit. Row 2—Katie Martin, Chris Sanders, Angela Padol, Bonnie Peterson, Lauren Fritts, Bonnie Nannenga, Staci Sytsma, Ellen Misch, Gail Ooms. Row 3—Jennifer Schurman, Paula Zandstra, Jon Knip, Rachel Knip, Amy Howard, Charles Finney, Michelle Tillet, Dana Dorn, Amy Musch, Nicole Whitney. Row 4—Karin Haan, Kari Myers, Margaret Strain, Dan Kroelke, Jeff Sampson, Harvey Nannenga, Suzanne Walstra, Kathy Buehe, Chalice Roberts. Row 5—Kelly Dunn, Mel Schoonveld, Kacy DeKock, Crystal Wineman, Michelle Wallace, Billy DeKock, Kathy Patrick. Row 6—Richard Tillema, Dave Andree, Jeff Stevens, Craig Frieden, Any Terborg, Mike Sell, Bryan Nikeith.

Jr. Pathfinders. Front Row—Keri Spurgeon, Barb Yaeger, Molly Gallin, Katherine Kucharik, Jan Hart, Amanda Lucas, Jacqui Gates, Lisa Albertson, Dawn Albertson, Molly Anthony. Row 2—Jamie Myers, Missy Peo, Shannon Kingma, Stacy Scholl, Kris Hoffman, Shannon Sipkema, Ericka Dreesen, Amanda Koslowsky, Shelley Gates. Row 3—Tiff Bell, Jorie Kramer, Megan Hartzler, Sasha Belstra, Amy Bormann, Shelley Pettit, Susan Feenstra, Jennifer Walstra, Jenelle Bailey, Mr. Hostetler. Row 4—John Kiersma, Chris Krug, Andy Spenner, James Broyles, Melanie Meyer, Danya Hamstra, Adam Howard, Craig Robbins. Row 5—Tina Cohb, Amy Weiss, Debbie Kamminga, Shelly Recker, Maci Mackiewicz, Laura Szeman, Kelly Kamminga, Annette VanTholen.

Fresh./Soph. Pathfinders. Front row—Amanda Roorda, Kim VanTholen, Melissa Howard, Karen Jonkman, Hallie Apple, Cassie Inman, Mary Ahrendt, Christie Kaminski. Row 2—Mr. Hostetler, Jimmy Stamper, Chuck Clark, Jason Bakker, Ryan Mikus, Jamison Smith, Aaron Klemp, Anthea Sercomski. Row 3—Stephanie Solich, Jill VanderWoude, Derek Bennett, Jennifer Peo, Suzi Dzuk, Rachel Kaper, Paula McIntire, Catherine Grube, Nick Spriggs-Hall, Mike Nannenga. Row 4—Kim Bult, Angela Terborg, Norma Haan, Raimie Truman-Forehand, Kylene Kramer, Brianne Keiser, Kelly Lamka, Nathaniel Wall, Angelee Abbring. Row 5—Scott Altman, Kendra DeVries, Janet Boon, Nicole Ryan, Lisa Groet, Jen Wians, Elizabeth King, Martina Plopper, Jenny Trock, Amber Kalut. Row 6—Leah Scharp, Kati Abbring, Kristi Swart, Mattie Cohb, Aimee Beougher, Tracy Gray, Katie Oatis, Tara Luedtke, Crystal Hefner, Val Williams, Donna Kamminga.

Accepting the 1994 Governor's Exemplary Project Award, Judges Bob Monfort and Phil McGraw represent Jasper County's new Pioneerz Program. The program, headed by Mrs. Kreiya, Mr. Hughes, and Mrs. Ryan combined 15 K.V. students with 15 Rensselear students from various backgrounds.

Jeremy Orcutt, Jamie Grevenstuk, Shannon Wireman, Stephanie Bell, and two Rensselear Pioneerz return to the bus after the award presentation

Hurrying from the bus to the Governor's honor program, Billy Perkins awaits the awards he helped earn in the Pioneerz Club.

Best of both worlds unites to lead club

"Pioneerz teaches younger students about making the right choices concerning problems they are going to face." Jermey Orcutt

Pioneerz consisted of 15 students who came from completely different peer groups, who would not even know each other if it were not for this group.

Joining with students from Rensselear High School to talk about drugs, alcohol, harassment, and racism, members of the Pioneerz attended retreats at Camp Buffalo and gave presentations to elementary and middle school students. Pioneerz opened themselves to these kids so that they could prepare and protect themselves against these dangers.

Pioneerz went to the elementary school to talk about the D.A.R.E. program which stresses the awareness of drugs and their effects.

In September and April Pioneerz attended retreats at Camp Buffalo and got some very positive reactions. "One very special quality about these extraordinary students is they can tell the facts but not just from statistics but also from their own personal lives," said Char Johnson. These students have helped themselves, each other and also others. This is one prime example of how all different kinds of people can make a difference when students all work together.

Pioneerz: Front Row: Mrs. Krejsa, Stephanie Deardorff, Stephanie Bell, Shannon Wireman, Jamie Grevenstuk, Sasha Belstra, Char Johnston, Margaret Strain. Back Row: Bill Crownover, Jeff Sampson, Chris Ritchie, Billy Perkins, Ryan Myers, Mr. Hughes.

Counseling opens Beth Ryan for many unique experiences. One experience was honor day attended with Shannon Wireman and Stephanie Bell

Lip syncing to an array of popular songs, Justin Shaffer, Dave Hancock, Tim Funston and Mike Bozell capture first place in Student Council's lip sync sectional competition.

Watching a customer fling a frisbee, Joanne Fagen and Mike Sampson coordinate the Student Council Carnival Booth. All proceeds went to the Mark Hamilton Fund.

Working as a team Bonnie Nannenga joins her classmates in winning the spirit stick. Student Council members were encouraged to support class functions.

Council achieves honor rating

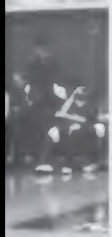
"This was the first year Student Council decided to open the Kougar Store which has been successful in raising money for the club." Jen Thomason

Action was the key word for Student Council. From daily visibility in the new school book store, to behind the scenes Homecoming planning, Student Council members were visible throughout the school. According to Sponsor John Michaels, Student Council offered students a place to be in charge of the business meetings.

Other members earned valuable leadership qualities as committee chairpersons. Student Council meetings met at a regular basis once a month. In addition to the first annual Homecoming parade, and the Powder Puff Carnival to the traditional Queen Coronation, Student Council kept the school hopping in the class competition, hall decoration and spirit challenge.

In addition to social activities, Student Council convinced the new administration to reinstate the one minute warning bell. They also volunteered to clean up a two mile stretch of highway. After selling candy, they donated the profits to the Riley's Children's Hospital. Acting on a suggestion from the students, the Council surveyed the student body regarding the Pledge of Allegiance. The vote was positive. Decorating the Christmas tree highlighted the holidays. Sectional activities and class spirit competitions rounded out the active club's participation.

Their activity also earned them the right to apply for Honor Council status. On May 16, Sponsor Michaels notified the student body that the Council had earned honor status.



Preparing to dribble and shoot, Jen Grizer anchors the freshman team relay competition. Sponsoring competitions was just one way that Student Council improved school relations.

Student Council: Front Row: JoAnne Fagen—Pres., Bonnie Nannenga—V.P., Jodi Jungles—Tres., Brook Kozak—Sec. Row 2: Mrs. Moolenaar, Shannon Salyers, Sarah Flory, Diane Watson, Val Tachiris, Mandy Apple, Mr. Michaels. Row 3: Dan Nannenga, Nathan Mount, Amanda Dunlap, Jen Thomason, Mandy DeWar, Kari Myers, Katharine Kucharik, Lacey Smith. Row 4: Simon Bollin, Kyle Martin, Lance Stevens, Brian Misch, Kevin Silverthorne, Jeff Sampson, Adam Hoffman.

Senior Sunshine. Front Row—Gail Oonis, Bonnie Nanninga, Staci Systma, Kelly Dunn, Margaret Strain, Chalice Roberts, Nicole Whitney, Sarah Flory. Row 2—Ellen Misch, Amy Musch, Shannon Pettit, Sarah Hart, Chrisy Sanders, Melissa Schoonveld, Aimee Nanninga, Dana Dorn, Kari Myers. Row 3—Melissa Stamper, Mandy Apple, Kathy Buche, Kathy Patrick, Jamie Sabuda, Bonnie Peterson, Lauren Fritts, Sarah Kikkert, Stephanie Deardorff. Row 4—Misty Mattingly, Renee Zwanklis, Angela Padol, Karin Haan, Joni Kaup, Amy Howard, Staci Davidson. Row 5—Michelle Tillett, Suzanne Walstra, Liz Strutz, Jen Thomason, Jennifer Yankey, Joyce Woolwine, Paula Zandstra, Stephanie Moyer. Back Row—Amber Anderson, Trisha Hachlica, Christina Castillo, Kacy DeKock, Crystal Wireman.

Junior Sunshine. Front Row—Jacqui Cates, Katherine Kucharik, Molly Gatlin, Janelle Bailey, Rachael Rayner, Brook Kozak, Shelly Pettit, Susan Ference, Jennifer Walstra, Rachel Brooker. Row 2—Allison Fase, Laura Fox, Amanda Lucas, Brooke Spurgeon, Ericka Dreesen, Dayna Hamstra, Debbie Kamminga, Judy Bakker. Row 3—Tiffany Bell, Jodi Jungels, Shannon Kingma, Lacey Smith, Shelly Recker, Jamie Myers, Amy Bormann, Sasha Belstra. Row 4—Tisha Bales, Missy Peo, Kim DeVries, Megan Hartzler, Jennifer Schoon, Amanda Kostovsky, Shelly Gates. Row 5—Holly Henson, Lynn Stalbaum, Maria Arambula, Jorie Kramer, Kris Misch, Shannon Belstra, Heather Ketchum. Row 6—Ann Mikolajczak, Connie Butler, Christie Bedwell, Melanie Myer, Keri Spurgeon, Christina Hall. Row 7—Barb Yaeger, Nicky Walstra, Sheri Veldman, Maci Mackiewicz, Kelly Kamminga, Annette VanTholen, Hilary Mokhan. Row 8—Shanna Maple, Lisa Albertson, Dawn Albertson, Jan Hart, Amber Allen, Sarah Watson, Shawna Bolen, Tina Zulaski.

Getting ready to go out to eat, Sasha Belstra and Chris Ritchie are excited about the wonderful evening ahead.

Sharing a fun moment at the Sunshine dance, Shannon Pettit, Nicole Whitney, and Chalice Roberts get together for one last picture at their last Sunshine.

Sunshine brings Everyone smiles

"Sunshine dance was really great. It is nice to have a club in which girls can associate."
Sheri Veldman

"I had a great time with my date Ben Turpin. The best part of the night was getting all dressed up and spending the evening out with my friends," said Dawn Albertson. The dance took place on December 17. The theme was "Always." Their annual cheese and sausage sale permitted them to lower the cost of the dance.

The club had a very active year. Daddy date night took place on February 16. For the evening entertainment, some of the girls competed in a talent show. The winners received movie passes. The Mother Daughter salad bar took place on March 16 and the Ideal Lady Tea took place on April 11. "It is very nice to spend an evening observing the girls with the special lady in their life," said Ms. Hains, club sponsor.

During the first week in May, Sunshine members handed out flowers to teachers for teacher appreciation.

Officers were Staci Sytsma —President, Brook Kozak—V.P., Bonnie Nannenga—Treasurer, Kelly Dunn—Secretary, and Margaret Strain—Student Council Representative.

Club sponsors were Mrs. Slaby and Ms. Hains.

Sophomore Sunshine: Front Row—Ann Tuohy, Steph Hyatt, Steph Soto, Tessa Sorba, Jennifer Peo, Jennifer Kaluf, Casey Risner, Kari Deardorff, Nicole Funston, Keely Troxel. Row 2—Norma Haan, Donna Kamminga, Kim Bult, Amber Kaluf, Beth Jones, Suzi Drzik, Amanda Henson, Lauren Smith, Rachel Kaper, Amanda Hall. Row 3—Melissa Howard, Ambica Serocinski, Steph Bell, Kim Jakich, Val Williams, Paula McIntire, Catherine Grube, Hallie Apple, Christie Kaminski. Row 4—B.J. Moore, Tracy Gray, Katie Oatis, Angie Shutz, Melanie Jonkman, Angie Karch, Jennie Evans, Karen Jonkman, Cassie Inman. Row 5—Stephanie Barton, Andrea Summers, Holly Bristol, Mary Ahrendt, Sherry Whitford, Amy VanSchepen, Sandy Kapella, Amanda Roorda. Row 6—Amy Chester, Val Howard, Melissa Brooker, Megan Gentry, Aimee Beougher, Dawn Alexander, Gina Shanks, Candace Stotts. Back Row—Dawn Salyers, Nellie Shidler, Tara Leudtke, Crystal Hefner, Dana Clark.

Freshman Sunshine: Front Row—Kristen Cambe, Tricia Cusak, Mindy Mattingly, Amber Midkiff, Diane Watson, Tiffany Yenches, Jenny Hayes. Row 2—Becca Hartzler, Leah Scharp, Kati Abbring, Kristen Sims, Rachel Shirkey, Tiffany LaNeave, Jillian Barrera, Debra Howard. Row 3—Kristi Swart, Jessica Holobowski, Amy Schultz, Jerilyn Sherman, Rachel Woods, Tami Engelhart, Tonya Nuss, Angie Carr. Row 4—Jenny Ginzer, Kendra DeVries, Elizabeth King, Lisa Groet, Scarlen DeVries, Nicole Taylor, April Pigg. Row 5—Jill Garvey, Aimee Misch, Jenny Forbes, Jenny Kikkert, Kelly Lamka, Nicki Ryan, Natalie Gordon. Row 6—Martina Plopper, Sam DelVecchio, Janet Boon, Jill Spurgeon, Kylene Kramer, Brianne Keiser, Lori Stalbaum, Heidi Bricker. Back Row—Kiki Kirkilewski, Jenny Trock.

Getting ready for Sunshine, Larry Fugett, Heather Marshall, Stephanie Soto, and Dallas Wireman gather to discuss where they are going for dinner.

Environmental action club member Sarah Waston writes down ideas for future meetings.

Environmental Action Club decorated the science hallway to represent the deteriorating rainforest.

Standing under a tree that she created, Sarah Flory helped the environmental action club decorate the science hallway as a rainforest.

Students lend hand To promote nature

"We have the best club in the school, and everyone should aspire to be like us." Mrs. Prochno.

Many of our lakes, rivers, oceans, and lands are polluted. The devastating effects of pollution need to be stopped. Many peers don't want to help to try to stop it. They say "Let someone else solve the problem" or "there is so much to do that one person can't help."

Environmental Action Club says that one person can make a difference. Headed by Mrs. Prochno, the club planted trees and natural perennial flowers. They also cleaned and recycled garbage like aluminum cans. During Earth week in April, members held candy sales, t-shirt sales, and a walk-athon to raise money for the club and to save the Amazon Rain Forest.

Other activities included going to Mrs. Kaluf's third grade class to teach the children the effects of pollution to the earth and the correct way to recycle. At the end of the school year, the club went to Turkey Run for a two day camp and researched the different species of plant life.

When asking the club members what they thought of the club, they replied, "Fun trips and helping the environment is what it is all about," Nick Leskiw said, "I like the Environmental Action Club for many reasons but particularly I like how the club helps the environment and tries its best to protect it." Jasmine Jones.

Supporting Environmental Action Club's belief in the green belt, sunshine member

Barb Yaeger helps distribute geraniums to teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day.

Environmental Action Club—Front Row: Mrs. Prochno, Jen Thomason, Stephanie Derdorff, Staci Davidson, Sarah Lynn Flory. Row 2: Ben Duttlinger, Stephene Moyer, Jennifer Yankey, Paula Zandstra, Nichole Whitney, Amy Musch, Amy Stepanek, Sarah Hart, Jonie Knip, Angela Padol. Row 3: Cindy Odle, Kara Zylstra, Tara Bauman, Tiff Bell, Missy Peo, Lacey Smith, Jan Hart, Barb Yaeger, Ericka Dreesen. Row 4: Amy Chester, Lisa McDonald, Katie Oatis, Stephanie Bell, Laurie Bennett, Allison Fase, Valerie Tachtiris, Laura Fox, Tricia Cusack, Jamie Sahuda, Chris Sanders, Sarah Watson. Row 5: Michelle Tillet, Jessy Stueben, Mike Sell. Back Row: Andi Rust, Amanda Dunlap, Jasmine Jones, Lisa Pajkos, Bryan Niketh, Nick Leskiew, Andy Spenner.

Checking out the new club layout, veteran staffer Gail Ooms explains the changes to rookie Amy Chester.

Experiencing stress, Sheri Veldman questions the availability of club pictures.

Stressed to the limit, editor-in-chief Miki Banjura puts finishing touches on her division pages which featured artwork from the design classes.

Staff encounters Multi-Level stress

"I need pages. I need pages!"
Mrs. McKinney

WHAT ABOUT US

Deadlines led to stress as 10 young journalists interviewed, photographed and typed their way through the PRIDE year.

Sparking controversy, four seniors vied for the top spot. Coming out on top was four year veteran Miki Banjura whose goal it was to unite the school throughout the book. Starting with emblems of pride, Banjura recognized individual spreads with clip art designators.

Keeping up with her book's name, Banjura attended the Indiana High School Press Association Conference at Franklin College where the book won awards for theme development, artistic design, and sports feature development. Back at home, student picture day was set for September 13 and Club Picture Day on November 22 went smoothly under the direction of Banjura.

In sports Tim Jones worked collectively with Gail Ooms who headed the Homecoming and Powder Puff pictures and rookies Staci Sytsma and Keri Spurgeon.

Stopping by for one semester was former editor Chuck Baisden who aided Gail's work on the senior section and Joe Lumbley and Matt Gregory who worked on ads. Amanda Koen, Ericka Dreesen, Chris Hofferth and Christina Jimenez worked on academics and clubs.

Rounding out the rookies was Tricia Cusak, Melanie Meyer, Amy Chester and Sheri Veldman who alphabetized all the underclassmen and teachers respectively.

With never a dull moment, staffers had to deal with the fire which displaced them for six weeks, and computers which never returned from the Computer Center Repair Shop. "The fire took our computers away from us and stole our ability to use our computer design expertise," said senior sports editor Tim Jones.

Through it all, PRIDE staffers continued to represent their school and their year as they were part of the ADVENTURE THAT CONTINUES.

PRIDE STAFF: Bottom left: Tim Jones, Melanie Meyer, Keri Spurgeon, Tricia Cusak, Amy Chester, Joe Lumbley, Miki Banjura (editor), Sheri Veldman, Barb Yaeger, Matt Gregory, Ericka Dreesen, Staci Sytsma, Gail Ooms, Chuck Baisden. Not pictured—Amanda Koen, Chris Hofferth, Christina Jimenez.

Top Photo: Celebrating the editor's birthday, Melanie Meyer enjoys a break in deadlines.

Checking out the clip art, Christiana Jimenez and Keri Spurgeon say, "No way is that going in my section."

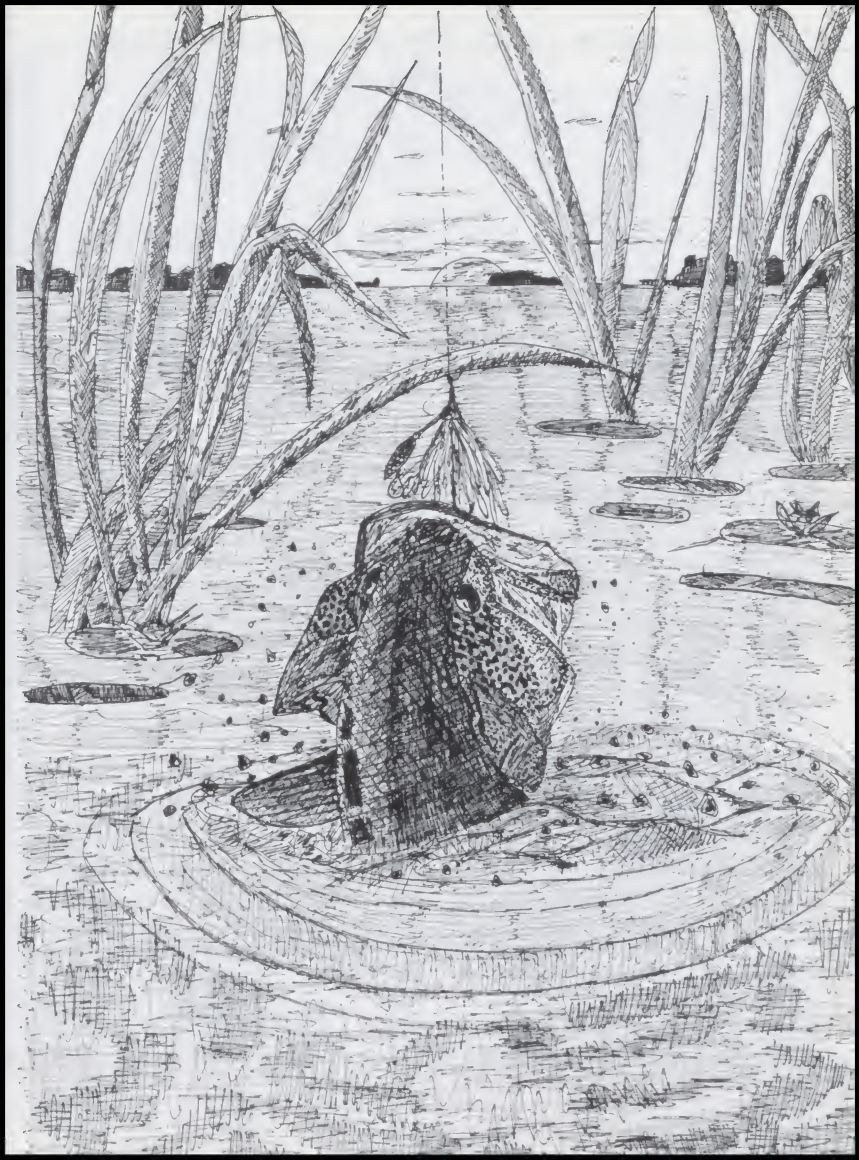
All Systems Go

Providing income and experience, jobs added many extra hours to students' schedules. Those who needed extra spending money for a spring break get-away, that new car, or college found that it's not as easy as it looks. The further stress of additional responsibilities played a big role in students' lives. In their precious spare time, they got more than they bargained for Throughout the growing community. From the new Taco Bell , Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Revco, to the old favorites like McDonald's, Subway, and Threads, the town offered many opportunities for work and play. Trips up north to Southlake Mall provided more job openings for some and a place to hang out and shop for others. Outside of school, students could find whatever they needed to continue their adventure within the community.

Waiting for the lunch bell to ring, Andy Spenner, Angie Terborg, Scott Pendergrass, Judy Bakker, Jason O'Brien, Aaron Grandchamp, and Dave Dase discuss their weekend. Community jobs cut time from their weekend plans.

Guardian of the gymnasium, the Kougar mascot watches over the players and helps to intimidate the opponents.

This highly detailed pen and ink drawing, done in Ms. Benham's art class by Matt Niemiller, illustrates a bad day in the life of a fish.



Selling Kougar Illustrated's for $1.00, Cheerleaders Jennifer Trock and Stephanie Cochran earn money for the athletic fund. Purchasing the number one advertising brochure was Mike Wantola and Kenny Kapella.

Tom Maxfield

Nathan Mount, Jen Peo, Tessa Sorba, Kari Deardorff, Amanda Henson

Andy Spenner, Shannon Stowers, Ryan Armstrong, Lance Stevens, Mrs. Price

Bonnie Peterson, Jessica Holobowski, Aimee Beougher, Sherry Whitford, Cindy Odle

Students create news in everchanging world

94-95 In Review: school occurrences A-Z

Andrea Hyatt - receives lungs, May 12, 1995

BPOA - went to state

CAD (Computer Aid Design) - for drafting students introduced August 1995

Decathlon won third at state

Erik Ramage - Survived car wreck, remains in therapy

FIRE - School is accidentally set on fire; FFA wins gold at state

Germany IU honors trip, this summer, by Ericka Dreesen

Hamilton survives fiery automobile accident

In-school suspension for both high and middle shcool

Jessica Stueben goes to France on I.U. Honors Program

Kings Island competition for band: they won

Lewis accepts Superintendant position

Myers, and Schoonveld named for basketball All-State Team, Moolenaar competes at state swimming meet

New record for girls 1600 meter relay, Nannenga named O'Brien winner

Orchestra, new class

Principal, Mr. Apple, assistant principals, Dr. Ford, Mr. Willets

Queen of homecoming, Kelly Dunn

Retirement of Superintendant Floyd

Sarah Flory, FFA Sweetheart, Slaby wins state science award

Track girls win title conference (seventh straight)

Europe trip by the Foreign Language Club (this summer)

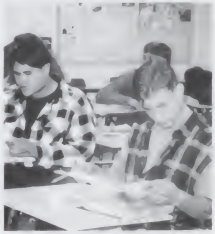
Victory of journalism competition in California, two winners, Corine Tachtiris and Allison Fase

Winner of science award, Hallie Apple

"ing" out tardies

Yankey sets new shot record

Zero tollerance for hats in school



94-95 In Review: local and national events

American Airlines commuter plane crashes in Jasper County, all passegers are killed

Baseball strike is settled in April

Clinton warns Japanese that car prices will double for 13 cars

Death of Audrey Hepburn and Elizabeth Montgomery

Earthquake shakes Kobe Japan and Southern California

Federal building in Oklahoma is bombed

Gump earns Hanks an Oscar

Harbor Motors buys out Toppen Auto.

Iran trade discontinued

Jackie Kennedy Onassis dies

Karate School of Achievement opens

Lion King tops movie charts

Michael Jordan returns to NBA

Nixon, Richard dies

O. J. Simpson murder trial covered; Ooms sells out to Abel Disposal

Pope John Paul II is named Man of the Year

Quick Stop opens at 231 and 10

Recycling bill in DeMotte goes up for sale

Smith, Susan, drowns her two sons in her car

Taco Bell opens in DeMotte

Video sales broken by Jurassic Park

Wiers buys out Orsburn's Amaco/Woodstock '95, 25th anniversary

EXotic Pets joins DeMotte in DeMotte Plaza

Youths flocked to Great America's Viper ride

Top to Bottom Jennifer Kikkert, Paul Schurman, Mark Barker; Jeff Kerr, Dan Berry; Kacy De-Kock; Steve Pierce.

Top to Bottom Jill Garvey, Paula McIntire, Kim Jakich, Paula Zandstra, Katie Martin; Julie Forbes, Amy Patrick, Jamie Lonsberry, Anna Arambula, Amanda Niken, Jasmine Jones; Mike Peo, Shannon Kingma, Jen Schoon, Brooke Spurgeon, Jamie Myers; James Broyles, Andrew Spenner, Craig Robinson, Mike Bahnerth, Lance Stevens, Bruce Przybylski, Aaron English, Ryan Armstrong, Tim Pogue.

Top to Bottom Keri Spurgeon, Kim Jacich, Melanie Meyer; Joe Coffer; Ray Gross, Kim Jakich, Matt Gregory, Corine Tachuris, Miki Banjura, Allison Fase, Laura Fox, Twins.

Top to Bottom William Racowski, Erik Buisard, Alec Chase, Jeff Ortiz; Paul Thomason, Shawn Stewart, Christie Bedwell, Jason Stevens; Shannon Sipkema, Tara Bauman, Becky Knapik

Million dollar fire destroys 12 rooms

From the moment the blaze broke out, rumors concerning every aspect of the fire spread through the halls.

The speculation started with stories of the fire's origin. One rumor blamed drama special effects which involved the use of fire such as a flaming cape and a live stage campfire. Other gossip named electrical problems, a cafeteria grease fire, and even a bomb as possible causes. The real cause was a smoldering cigarette.

As students stood outside in frigid temperatures watching smoke pour out of the building, many voiced their concerns about fellow students as well as faculty members. Many were aware that several teachers and administrators had ventured back into the building. "I heard that Mr. Apple is trapped upstairs." Other word-of-mouth reports had both Mr. Apple and Mr. Willetts hospitalized, supposedly suffering from serious burns and smoke inhalation. "I did suffer from smoke inhalation," said Apple, "but I was treated at the scene. It was really no big deal."

Immediately following the fire, several conflicting estimates of damage were reported. One of the first stories stated that nearly 40 classrooms had been completely destroyed. "Twelve classrooms were damaged," said Apple. "Some were damaged by flames, but many received water or smoke damage." School was dismissed for 2 1/2 days.

Suffering from smoke inhalation, Principal Phil Apple succumbed to assistance from paramedics. Apple was overcome when he reentered the burning building to check for possible victims of the fire.

Top Right: Within minutes firefighters from 10 departments responded to a mutual aid call.

Answering the call, Rensselaer's ladder truck was instrumental in controlling the blaze which destroyed the roof over the auditorium wing.

Using photographs, the insurance company, architects and school personnel quickly evaluated the extent of the damaged roof

Removing the burned electric panel in the Foreign Language wing, an electrician carefully disconnects wires which were charred by the intensity of the fire.

Relocated by the fire, Pat Dean collects his books from the new locker bags in the gym's balcony

Retrieving personal possessions from smoke damaged lockers, Mrs. Carey helps students cope with the devastation of the destroyed foreign language wing. Mrs. Carey along with Mrs. Masten and Mrs. Wiseman were displaced for the remainder of the year.

SENIOR

Samantha Boone and graduate Steve Beier enjoy a romantic prom evening together.

Swimmer Paula Zandstra strikes a pose in her warm-up suit.

Reacting to orders to "act depressed," Bryan Sims and Joni Knip were voted "Most Optimistic" by the senior class.

JUNIOR

Working hard to meet deadlines, Pride editor, Miki Banjura, finishes up last minute details.

Grouping together for a photo, prom attendees prepare to pose.

SOPHOMORE

Revealing her new look, Stupifying Jones (Amy Beougher) stuns the men in Li'l Abner.

Giving up warmth for charity, Mrs. Price gets dunked at the Homecoming Carnival.

FRESHMAN

Hamming it up for the class clown picture, Kathy Buche and Joe Maloeha were voted best of the jokers for the newspaper.

Colophon

Kougar Pride, volume 25, was produced by the yearbook class at Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, IN and printed by Herff Jones Yearbooks in Shawnee Mission, KS. The account was serviced by Herff Jones yearbook representative Susan Taylor and customer service advisor Julie Bogart. Editress extraordinaire, Miki Banjura developed the theme "The Adventure Continues" after hours of trying to find the perfect idea and realizing how much high school was an adventure, one that has continued here for twenty-five years. The cover was designed by Miki Banjura and incorporated in a three color design which was lithographed onto red base. The endsheets are printed on cream-red paper, using colonial red and black inks. The book's 200 pages are printed on 80 point Ermine stock. The 1995 volume includes 32 full color pages. All body copy was set in 10 point Times Roman and captions were 8 point. Headlines were also in Times. The Kougar Pride was produced using MacWrite, Typestyler, and Aldus Freehand programs on Macintosh Classic, Power Macintosh, and Laser Writer Select. The 500 copies were sold to 973 students at prices ranging from $30-$35 depending on purchase date. Kougar Pride is a member of the Indiana High School Press Association, the National Scholastic Press Association, the Northern Indiana Journalism Association, JEA, and the Quill & Scroll National Honor Society. This book is produced by students, any errors are totally unintentional.

It Takes Guts

As spring rolled around, a collective sigh of relief filled the halls and the final countdown to summer began. Though exams created stress for many, daydreams of summer vacations kept students smiling. For seniors, Graduation marked the end of their high school careers and they realized the best was yet to come.

Just when we thought it was safe, the greatest terrorist act of the nation's history made students think twice about their safe midwestern life. The Oklahoma City bombing provided a rude awakening and proved that anything can happen. Students watched in amazement as the death toll kept rising. During breaks in the bombing news, the Simpson trial uncovered new developments. Jordan's return to basketball excited fans nationwide, with a new number-45 and a new outlook, he came out of retirement to help the Bulls reach a fourth championship. Continued...

With the school day finally over, junior Craig Robinson heads for his car on a sunny spring day.

As the clock counts down the last five minutes of the fourth quarter, Jeff Sampson guards a Lowell player to defend the Kougars' 17 point lead.

Working hard on his in-depth for the newspaper, Matt Gregory studies his references and types up his summary.

Homecoming candidates, Laura Szeman and escort Jeremy Orcutt, proudly walk across the football field.

Giving the thumbs up singal after his return, Mr. Hamilton thanks students, staff, and the community for their support.

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Changes in the environment included the resignation of Iran Floyd, Superintendant, Mrs. Jabaay, special needs aide, and Karen Froman, central office secretary. Teachers affected by fire damage adjusted to the new room assignments while students found ways to get to displaced classes and trudged up to the gym's upper deck to put books in lockers.

Students watched in sorrow as the news coverage revealed that because of a long lasting battle against cystic fibrosis, Andrea Hyatt was moved to the top of the lung donor list.

Amazed the year was finally over, seniors realized that their friends and enemies were about to leave. Some were shocked to witness different cliques blend, as they should have from the beginning and there was an urge to make a statement before leaving.

With the new "no shaving cream/balloon fight rule" students found a way to replace the tradition with something better. Whether continuing on here, or beginning a new adventure, students left with a sense of pride that we got what it takes to continue the adventure.

Resting after unloading his drum set, Eric Pullins waits outside for the Concord High School District Competition.

Cross country runner Justin Shafer finished nineteenth in the Rensselaer sectional. Kougars failed to advance to the regional for the first time in Walt Prochno's coaching tenture.

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